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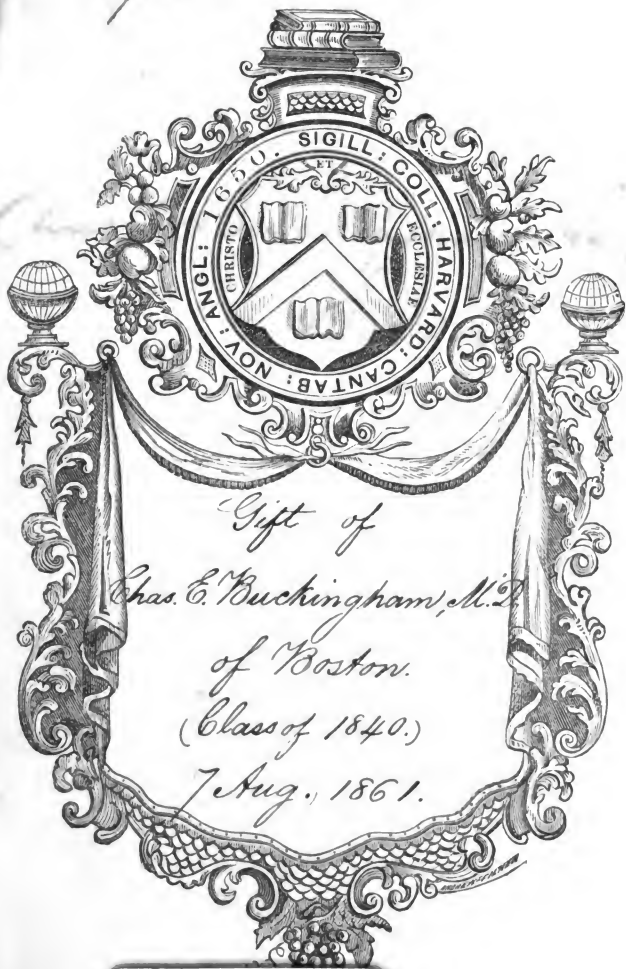
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# ORGANIZATION

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT

OF MASSACHUSETTS,

**I. O. O. F.**

AT ITS SESSIONS HELD AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BOSTON,

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# PROCEEDINGS.

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BOSTON, MARCH 22d, 1844, }  
3 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

Pursuant to notice from ALBERT GUILD, R. W. D. D. Grand Sire, the petitioners for the Charter of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., assembled at Odd Fellows' Hall, No. 223, Washington Street, Boston, for the purpose of being instituted a regular Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The R. W. D. D. Grand Sire in the chair—open on the R. P Degree.

Present,

P. C. P. DANIEL HERSEY,	} Representatives from Massasoit Encamp. No. 1.
P. C. P. HEZEKIAH PRINCE,	
P. H. P. ROBERT L. ROBBINS,	
P. C. P. EDWARD TYLER,	Rep. from Trimount Enc. No. 2.
P. C. P. THOMAS BARR,	} Representatives from Mouomake Enc. No. 4.
P. H. P. JAMES M. STONE,	
P. C. P. SAM'L R. SLACK,	} Representatives from Bunker Hill Enc. No. 5.
P. H. P. JOHN S. LADD,	

Absent,

P. C. P. DAVID DODGE,	} Representatives of Menotomy Enc. No. 3.
P. H. P. JOSIAH C. WALDO,	

Also, present, a number of R. P. D. members.

**P. H. P. JOHN S. LADD**, was appointed Scribe, *pro tem*.

The Dispensation, or Warrant, from the Most Worthy Grand Sire, and the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, authorizing the opening of the proposed Grand Encampment, having been read, the **R. W. D. D. Grand Sire**, then announced the petitioners present, a legally constituted Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the **I. O. O. F.**

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of its officers for the current year, and the following gentlemen were chosen :

**P. C. P. DANIEL HERSEY**, *Grand Chief Patriarch.*

**P. C. P. EDWARD TYLER**, *Grand High Priest.*

**P. C. P. THOMAS BARR**, *Grand Senior Warden.*

**P. C. P. SAMUEL R. SLACK**, *Grand Scribe.*

**P. C. P. HEZEKIAH PRINCE**, *Grand Treasurer.*

**P. H. P. JOHN S. LADD**, *Grand Junior Warden.*

The above named elective Grand Officers were then severally installed into their respective chairs, by the **R. W. D. D. G. Sire**, in accordance with ancient usage.

The Grand Chief Patriarch appointed **P. H. P. JAMES M. STONE**, as Grand Sentinel, who received the usual obligations and was duly installed into the office.

The ceremonies of Installation were closed with an impressive prayer by the **Rev. A. P. CLEVERLY**, Scribe of Massachusetts Encampment.

The Grand Encampment was then closed upon the **R. P.** degree, and re-opened upon the **G. E.** degree, in which the members were instructed.

*Moved*, That the Right Worthy **D. D. G. Sire**, be invited to confer the Past Official Degrees of **P. C. P.** and **P. H. P.**,

pending which motion, the Grand Encampment adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M. Re-opened on the R. P. degree. Prayer by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The motion to have the Past Official Degrees conferred, was withdrawn.

The D. D. G. Sire communicated the Grand Encampment Pass-word.

On motion of M. E. G. H. P. Tyler,

*Ordered*, That the By-Laws of the R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of New-York, excepting the first section of article first, and the third section of article second, together with the Rules of Order of that body, be adopted by us, until such time as a permanent code shall have been adopted by this Grand Encampment.

*Ordered*, That none but P. C. Patriarchs and P. H. Priests, be admitted to membership in this Grand Encampment, until farther instructions are received from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the Grand Treasurer be a committee to procure the use of Odd Fellows' Hall.

*Ordered*, That the Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction be requested to make up returns of their work to this date, and forward the same to the R. W. District Deputy Grand Sire of the District.

*Ordered*, That a committee of three be appointed, to procure a device for a Seal, for the use of this Grand Encampment. Patriarchs Robbins, Tyler and Barr were appointed.

Closed in form, by adjournment to this Hall, on Friday next, March 29th, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

BOSTON, MARCH 29TH, 1844. }  
 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Grand Encampment assembled according to adjournment, at No. 483, Washington Street.

Present, DANIEL HERSEY, G. C. P.  
 EDWARD TYLER, G. H. P.  
 JOHN S. LADD, G. J. W.  
 SAMUEL R. SLACK, G. Scribe.  
 HEZEKIAH PRINCE, G. Treasurer.  
 ROBERT L. ROBBINS, G. S. *pro tem.*

The minutes of the session of 22d March, were read and approved.

The committee appointed at last session to frame a Constitution, code of By-Laws, and Rules of Order, reported progress, and had leave to continue their sessions.

*Ordered*, That a committee of two be appointed to obtain a form of Charter for Subordinate Encampments.

The G. Scribe, and P. H. P. Robbins were appointed.

Adjourned to No. 4, Portland Street, Boston, on Friday, April 23d, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

BOSTON, APRIL 23d, 1844.

Assembled according to adjournment at No. 4, Portland Street.

P. C. P. HEZEKIAH PRINCE, in the chair.

The Committee upon the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, reported as follows:

That they had, with much care, prepared a form of Constitution, and code of By-Laws, which they would now present by Sections and Articles for the acceptance of the Grand Encampment.

Of the Constitution accepted :

Article 1st. Sections 1st, 2d, and 3d.

Article 2d. Sections 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th.

Article 3d. Sections 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

Article 4th. Sections 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th.

Article 5th. Sections 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th.

Article 6th. Sections 1st and 2d.

On motion of P. H. P. Robbins,

*Voted*, That the Constitution now pass to be engrossed.

Of the code of By-Laws, accepted :

Article 1st. Sections 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th.

Article 2d. Sections 1st, 2d and 3d.

On motion of P. C. P. Slack,

*Voted*, That these By-Laws now pass to be engrossed.

The Committee upon "the form of Charter for Subordinate Encampments," reported, that they had corresponded with the authorities of the Order, and would, when replies were received, report the substance of them to the Grand Encampment.

Report accepted.

The Committee for procuring a "Seal," reported that they had engaged one to be executed on steel, and that the same would, in a week or two, await the order of the Grand Encampment.

Report accepted.

On motion, closed with the usual solemnities.

Attest,

SAML R. SLACK, G. Scribe.

Communications for the Grand Encampment may be addressed to the Grand Scribe, either at Boston, or East Cambridge, Mass., through the mail; or be left at the Office of Wm. E. Parmenter, Esq., No. 35, Court Street, Boston.





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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

RIGHT WORTHY

*Odd-fellows — Mass. —*

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT

OF

I. O. O. F.

AT ITS SESSIONS HELD IN

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## PROCEEDINGS.

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BOSTON, JUNE 6, 1844. }  
8 o'clock, P. M. }

A Special Session of the R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, was holden this day, by order of the M. W. Grand Chief Patriarch, for the transaction of business.

P. C. P. Daniel Hersey in the chair. Opened in due form on the G. E. Degree. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A petition for a charter for *Mount Washington Encampment*, No. 6, to be located at South Boston, and signed by Patriarchs D. N. Pickering, Jr., Charles Smith, W. A. Butters, C. D. Strong, Joseph Leonard, Charles Sampson and Joseph Newmarch, all in good standing, and with Cards of Clearance from their respective Encampments, having been presented by G. C. P. Hersey, on motion, it was

*Ordered*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

P. C. P. Tyler, from the Committee upon the Constitution etc., reported a form of constitution for the government of subordinate Encampments—it being the form in use with the R. W. Grand Encampment of New-York—which was accepted.

On motion of P. H. P. Ladd,

*Voted*, That the Constitution for Subordinates now pass to be engrossed.

On motion of P. C. P. Tyler,

*Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to superintend the printing of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order

of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution for the government of Subordinate Encampments, and that the same be attended to forthwith.

P. C. P. Tyler, P. H. P. Ladd, and P. H. P. Robbins were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Grand Treasurer Prince,

*Ordered*, That the Grand Scribe be instructed to invite the attendance of the M. W. Grand Sire, Howell Hopkins, of Philadelphia, Past Grand Sire John A. Kennedy, and Past Grand Patriarch, John G. Treadwell, of New York, at the contemplated celebration of the reinstatement of the order in this State, on the 22d of June, instant, as the guests of the Grand Encampment, and that a letter, communicating this note be forwarded to each of the above named gentlemen.

On motion of P. H. P. Ladd,

*Ordered*, That a Charter be granted to each of the following Encampments, belonging to this jurisdiction, in lieu of the dispensation or warrant from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, under which they are now working, so soon as the blank form of Charter shall have been prepared, viz :—

To Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, Boston.

Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2, Boston.

Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, West-Cambridge.

Monomake Encampment, No. 4, Lowell.

Bunker-Hill Encampment, No. 5, Charlestown.

The G. C. Patriarch appointed P. C. P. Edward Tyler, and P. H. P. Robert L. Robbins, as members of the Committee of Finance; and the Grand Encampment added G. C. P. Daniel Hersey to the same Committee.

A communication was received from the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., containing a form of Charter for Subordinate Encampments, which were placed on file, and the thanks of the Grand Encampment tendered to G. C. Secretary Ridgely for the same.

A communication from N. G. Alfred Mudge, asking for Sta-



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tistics of the Patriarchal order in this State, for publication, having been received, was placed on file, and the Grand Scribe instructed to furnish the same.

On motion, closed in due form.

The following was omitted in the published minutes of 22d March last.

On motion of P. C. P. Tyler,

*Ordered*, That a committee of three be appointed to frame a Constitution, Code of By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the government of this body.

P. H. P. Robert L. Robbins, P. C. P. Edward Tyler, and P. H. P. John S. Ladd were appointed.

BOSTON, FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, 1844. }  
5 o'clock, P. M. }

Pursuant to a call from M W. Grand Chief Patriarch Daniel Hersey, a Special Session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, was holden at Encampment Hall, Boston, this day, for the reception of its invited guests, and for instruction in the official Patriarchal Degrees.

Present,

Daniel Hersey, Grand Chief Patriarch,  
Edward Tyler, M. E. Grand High Priest.  
Thomas Barr, Grand Senior Warden.  
Samuel R. Slack, Grand Scribe.  
Hezekiah Prince, Grand Treasurer.  
James M. Stone, Grand Sentinel.  
Robert L. Robbins, Deputy Grand Sentinel.

Opened in the R. P. Degree, in ancient form.

The following distinguished members of the order, were then introduced to the Grand Encampment, viz :

HOWELL HOPKINS, of Philadelphia, Most Worthy Grand Sire  
JOHN A. KENNEDY, of New York, Past Grand Sire.  
ROBERT NEILSON, of Baltimore, Past Deputy Grand Sire.  
JOHN G. TREADWELL, of New York, Past Grand Patriarch.

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In accordance with a vote at the last session, the M. W. Grand Sire, was invited to instruct the members of this Grand Encampment in the past official and G. E. degrees.

G. Sire Hopkins, acting as G. C. Patriarch.

P. G. Sire Kennedy, as Grand Senior Warden.

P. G. P. Treadwell, as Grand High Priest,

P. D. G. S. Neilson, as Grand Junior Warden.

Closed upon the R. P. and opened upon the G. E. Degree, in which the following members were fully instructed.

G. C. P. Daniel Hersey, G. H. P. Edward Tyler, G. S. W. Thomas Barr G. Scribe, Samuel R. Slack, G. Treasurer Hezekiah Prince, Grand Sentinel James M. Stone, D. G. Sentinel Robert L. Robbins.

Closed upon the G. E. and opened upon the degree of Past Chief Patriarch, in which the following gentlemen were instructed—the Grand Encampment being certified of their having duly and regularly passed the office of Chief Patriarch—viz :—

Daniel Hersey, Edward Tyler, Thomas Barr, Samuel R. Slack, and Hezekiah Prince.

Closed upon the degree of Past Chief Patriarch, and opened upon the degree of Past High Priest, to which, Hezekiah Prince, James M. Stone, and Robert L. Robbins, were duly admitted—the Grand Encampment being certified of their eligibility to the same.

Closed upon the degree of Past High Priest, and re-opened upon the G. E. degree.

G. C. P. Hersey in the chair.

A communication was received from a committee of the petitioners for Mount Washington Encampment, No. 6, requesting that the name of D. N. Pickering, Jr., one of the said petitioners, may be withdrawn, and that of Samuel R. Spinney substituted ; it appearing that this application was mutual between the parties, and in proper form. On motion, it was

*Ordered*, That the application be granted.

On motion of P. C. P. Prince, it was

*Ordered*, That the opening of Mount Washington Encampment, No. 6, take place at Encampment Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 2d of July, proximo, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Communications from P. G. Sire Kennedy, G. C. Secretary Ridgely, and others, were received and referred to the Grand Scribe.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Encampment of New-York, accompanying a copy of a beautiful lithographed form of Charter, and containing an offer of the use of the same by this G. Encampment, was received and referred to the Committee on Charters.

On motion, closed with the usual solemnities in ample form.

BOSTON, TUESDAY, JULY 2d, 1844. }  
3 o'clock, P. M. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled at Encampment Hall, for the purpose of constituting Mount Washington Encampment, No. 6.

Present, the Grand officers, the petitioners for the Encampment, and a number of R. P. degree members.

The usual obligations, at the formation of Subordinate Encampments, having been taken and subscribed by the petitioners, and the charter having been read by the Grand Scribe, the Grand Chief Patriarch announced the due formation of Mount Washington Encampment, No. 6. After which, and the election by ballot of its officers, and their installation in ample form, the Grand Encampment adjourned without day.

BOSTON, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st, 1844. }  
6 1-2 o'clock, P. M. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts assembled in *Annual Session* at Encampment Hall, and from thence by adjournment, to Odd Fellows' Hall, No. 323 Washington Street,

Present,

Daniel Hersey, M. W. Grand Chief Patriarch.

Edward Tyler, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Thomas Barr, R. W. Grand Senior Warden.

Samuel R. Slack, R. W. Grand Scribe.

Hezekiah Prince, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

John S. Ladd, R. W. Grand Senior Warden.

James M. Stone, W. Grand Sentinel.

Robert L. Robbins, W. Deputy Grand Sentinel.

Opened on the Grand Encampment Degree. Prayers offered by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The minutes of the last Special Session were read and approved.

On motion of G. H. P. Tyler,

*Ordered*, That a committee of two be appointed to examine and report upon the credentials of candidates for membership.

P. H. P. Ladd and P. C. P. Prince were appointed.

The Committee reported the following gentlemen, as holding correct Certificates of past service in their respective Subordinate Encampments.

From Massasoit Encampment, No. 1.—Caleb C. Hayden, Past Chief Patriarch, William H. Jones, Past High Priest.

From Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2.—Newell A. Thompson, Past Chief Patriarch, Raymond Cole, Past High Priest.

From Menotomy Encampment, No. 3.—John Schouler, Past Chief Patriarch.

From Monomake Encampment, No. 4.—Francis M. Kittredge, Past High Priest.

From Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5.—Nathaniel Y. Culbertson, Past Chief Patriarch, Gardner R. Welch, Past High Priest.

Report accepted.

The above named gentlemen were then severally elected to membership, and introduced in due form upon the G. E. degree.

The Committee on Charters reported that it is inexpedient to prepare a lithographic or printed form at present, and recommended that such charters as might be issued, should be executed by an ornamental penman.

Report accepted, and the committee discharged.

*Voted*, That the Grand Scribe cause the Charters heretofore granted, and which may be granted, to be executed as recommended by the Committee.

The Committee upon the use of Odd Fellows' Hall, having attended to the duty assigned them, were discharged.

On motion of P. H. P. Tyler,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the returns from Subordinate Encampments.

P. C. P. Prince, P. H. P. Stone and P. C. P. Schouler were appointed.

On motion of P. C. P. Barr,

*Voted*, To open upon nominations for Elective Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The nominees for the office of Grand C. Patriarch, were P. C. P's D. Hersey, H. Prince, E. Tyler, S. R. Slack, and P. H. P's R. L. Robbins, J. S. Ladd.

For Grand High Priest—P. C. P's N. A. Thompson, E. Tyler, S. R. Slack, H. Prince, and P. H. P's J. S. Ladd, R. L. Robbins, R. Cole.

For Grand Senior Warden, P. C. P's T. Barr, D. Dodge, C. C. Hayden, J. Schouler, and P. H. P's J. S. Ladd and W. H. Jones.

For Grand Scribe, P. C. P's C. C. Hayden, N. A. Thompson, and P. H. P's R. Cole, G. R. Welch, J. S. Ladd, W. H. Jones, R. L. Robbins.

For Grand Treasurer—P. C. P's H. Prince, J. Schouler, N. Y. Culbertson, and P. H. P's R. L. Robbins, W. H. Jones, R. Cole,

For Grand Junior Warden—P. C. P's N. Y. Culbertson, and P. H. P's R. Cole, J. M. Stone, W. H. Jones, F. M. Kittredge and J. S. Ladd.

For Grand Representative to Grand Lodge of the United States, P. C. P's D. Hersey, E. Tyler, S. R. Slack, and P. H. P's R. L. Robbins, J. S. Ladd.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of



its officers for the current year, and the following gentlemen were chosen, viz:—

P. C. P. HEZEKIAH PRINCE, *Grand Chief Patriarch.*

P. C. P. NEWELL A. THOMPSON, *Grand High Priest.*

P. C. P. THOMAS BARR, *Grand Senior Warden.*

P. C. P. CALEB C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.*

P. H. P. RAYMOND COLE, *Grand Treasurer.*

P. C. P. NATH'L Y. CULBERTSON, *Grand Junior Warden.*

P. H. P. ROBERT L. ROBBINS, *Grand Representative.*

*Voted*, That when an adjournment is taken, it be to Encampment Hall, Tuesday, August 6th, at 7 o'clock, P.

Closed, by adjournment in due form.

Attest,

SAMUEL R. SLACK, *Grand Scribe.*

BOSTON, AUGUST 6, 1844. }  
7 o'clock P. M. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment convened at Encampment Hall, according to adjournment.

Present,

Daniel Hersey, M. W. Grand Chief Patriarch.

Edward Tyler, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Samuel R. Slack, R. W. Grand Scribe.

Hezekiah Prince, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Robert L. Robbins, R. W. Deputy Grand Sentinel.

Opened on the G. E. Degree. Prayer offered by the M. E. Grand High Priest. Proceedings of the former session read and approved.

Closed upon the G. E. Degree, and opened upon the P. C. P. Degree. M. W. Grand Chief Patriarch in the chair.

P. C. P's C. C. Hayden, Nath'l Y. Culbertson, and Newell A. Thompson, were duly admitted to the degree of Past Chief Patriarch.

Closed upon the degree of P. C. P., and opened upon the degree of P. H. P. Past High Priest's William H. Jones, and Raymond Cole, were admitted to the same in due form.

Closed upon the degree of P. H. P., and re-opened upon the G. E. Degree.

*Voted*, To proceed to the Installation of the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year; whereupon, the following Grand Patriarchs were installed into their respective offices, viz :

P. C. P. Hezekiah Prince, Grand Chief Patriarch.

P. C. P. Newell A. Thompson, Grand High Priest.

P. C. P. Caleb C. Hayden, Grand Scribe.

P. H. P. Raymond Cole, Grand Treasurer.

P. C. P. Nath'l Y. Culbertson, Grand Junior Warden.

M. W. Grand Chief Patriarch Prince, appointed P. H. P. W. H. Jones, as Grand Sentinel, and the obligations of his office duly administered unto him.

M. W. Past Grand Chief Patriarch Hersey, addressed the members of the Grand Encampment, in a felicitous and feeling manner, upon his leaving the chair, which was responded to by the M. W. Grand Chief Patriarch Prince, agreeable to the occasion.

*Voted*, That we now proceed to business.

*Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer have power to procure such a book as may be necessary for his office.

Grand Treasurer's bond read, approved and accepted.

The Finance Committee reported, that they had examined the reports of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and found them correct, which report was accepted.

P. G. Scribe offered his report, which was accepted.

*Voted*, That an official notice, be forwarded to all subordinate Encampments of I. O. O. F., of the State of Massachusetts, informing them of the organization of this Grand Encampment of I. O. O. F. of the State of Massachusetts, and to respectfully request of said Subordinate Encampments, that have not presented their report, to forward the same at the earliest day convenient.

*Voted*, That the M. W. Grand Chief, be requested to communicate verbally to the Chief Patriarchs of subordinate Encampments, the manner in which the semi-annual P. W. is to be given.

F. C. Patriarch Tyler, P. H. Priest Robbins and P. C. Patriarch Slack, were appointed a Finance Committee.

Sundry Communications offered, and placed on file.

Communication from Tremont Lodge ; date July 25th, proffering the use of Tremont Hall, on the eve of Wednesday, 31st proximo, read and accepted ; and the Grand Scribe instructed to present the thanks of this Encampment for their kind offer.

Annual Reports of Menotomy and Bunker Hill Encampments, and semi-annual Reports, of Massasoit, Trimont, Menotomy, Monomake and Bunker Hill Encampments, were received and placed in the hands of the Finance Committee for examination.

Communication from Brothers T. C. Hersey, and Benj. Kingsbury Jr. Committee of Arrangements, for a general celebration of the introduction of the L. O. of O. F., in the city of Portland Me., inviting the members of this Grand Encampment to participate with them, was received and placed on file.

*Voted*, that this Grand Encampment, recommend to each member to attend the celebration, as a Grand Encampment.

*Voted*, that the members of the Grand Encampment, who intend to participate in the Celebration, if a sufficient number present themselves, to wear a full black dress including black gloves and hat.

*Voted*, that all members of this Grand Encampment, wear bullion round their collars.

The following bills, read and referred to the Finance Committee, viz: F. E. Worcester, \$4,50, Justin Jones, \$7,75, Thomas Prince, \$4,00, S. R. Slack, \$8,94, E. Tyler, \$25,25, and from G. L. of U. S. \$16,00.

*Voted*, that the Finance Committee, effect a loan of \$100,00,

*Voted*, that the Scribe, have power to procure such stationery and Books, as may be necessary for his office.

On motion, closed in due form.

ATTEST. C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe*.

N. B. Communications for the Grand Encampment, may be addressed to the Grand Scribe, 57 Washington St.

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**RIGHT WORTHY**

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT**

**OF**

**I. O. O. F.**

**AT ITS SESSIONS HELD**

**SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1844, AND FEBRUARY 5TH, 1845.**

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## PROCEEDINGS.

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BOSTON, SEPT. 26, 1844.

At 7 1-2 o'clock, the GRAND ENCAMPMENT assembled at Encampment Hall.

Present,

HEZEKIAH PRINCE, *M. W. Grand Patriarch.*

NEWELL A. THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

SAMUEL R. SLACK, *R. W. Grand Senior Warden, p. t.*

CALEB C. HAYDEN, *R. W. Grand Scribe.*

RAYMOND COLE, *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*

GARDNER R. WELCH, *R. W. Grand Junior Warden, p. t.*

WM. H. JONES, *R. W. Grand Sentinel.*

ROBERT L. ROBBINS, *R. W. Grand Representative.*

Opened on the G. E. Degree. Prayer by the M. E. G. High Priest.

The object of the meeting being stated that it was for the reception of Petitions for Encampment—one of which to be located in Roxbury, the other in Chelsea—it was, thereupon,

*Voted,* That the Petitions be read.

*Moved,* That the Petition from the Roxbury brothers be granted. After an elaborate discussion it was decided in the negative.

*Moved,* That the Petition from the brothers in Chelsea be granted. The merits having been absorbed in conjunction with the Pe-

tion from Roxbury, and the question being called for, it was also decided in the negative.

Grand Representative R. L. Robbins, offered a Report of the doings of the G. L. U. S., at its last session, which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Grand Representative Robbins having been entrusted with the Warrant of the Grand Encampment, to exchange the same for a Charter, if the Institution of this Grand Encampment should be confirmed in the G. L. of U. S., reported, that the same had been done, and that he had procured the Charter, and was now in the possession of the Grand Encampment.

*Voted*, That the Grand Representative be solicited to have the Charter filled out and framed in a suitable manner, and after which to cause the same to be hung up in Encampment Hall.

It being stated that a brother from Warren Lodge, No. 18, I.O.O.F. of Roxbury, Mass., had been initiated and the Degrees conferred on said brother by Machigonne Encampment, No. 1. I. O. O. F., Portland, Maine, during the month of August, last past, in contradiction of the usages of the order, and thereupon it was

*Voted*, That the Scribe of this Grand Encampment, in conjunction with the Grand Patriarch, address a communication to said Machigonne Encampment, and solicit information relative to the same.

*Voted*, That sundry bills as offered at the last session be paid by the Treasurer.

Grand Treasurer Cole reported in behalf of the Committee to effect a loan in behalf of this Encampment, that they had effected a loan of one hundred and fifty dollars of Tri-Mount Encampment for one year with interest, and that a note had been given for the same properly signed.

*Voted*, That the Grand Scribe have liberty to have a sufficient number of blank Reports printed for the use of Subordinate Encampments.

Nothing further being proposed, closed in due form at nine and a half o'clock.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1845. }  
 Wednesday, 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The semi-annual session of this R. W. Grand Encampment, was holden this evening at Encampment Hall.

Present,

Hezekiah Prince, M. W. G. Patriarch.  
 Newell A. Thompson, M. E. G. High Priest.  
 James M. Stone, R. W. G. Senior Warden, *p. t.*  
 Caleb C. Hayden, R. W. G. Scribe.  
 Raymond Cole, R. W. G. Treasurer.  
 N. Y. Culbertson, R. W. G. Junior Warden.  
 Wm. H. Jones, R. W. G. Sentinel.  
 R. L. Robbins, R. W. G. Representative.

And Representatives from the several Subordinate Encampments.

Opened in the G. E. Degree. Prayer offered by the M. E. G. H. Priest.

Proceedings of the adjourned session of August 6th, 1844, together with the proceedings of the special session of September 26th, 1844, read and approved.

Sundry Certificates for membership, as Representatives from the several Subordinate Encampments, having been placed in the hands of the Grand Scribe, it was thereupon

*Voted*, That a committee of two be appointed to examine the authenticity of the said Certificates. The Chair appointed P. C. P's Tyler and Slack.

All the returns of the several Subordinate Encampments having been placed in the hands of the Grand Encampment with the exception of Monomake Encampment, No. 4. It was then

*Voted*, That a Committee of two be appointed to examine said Reports. P. H. P's Robbins and Cole composing the Committee.

The Committees on Certificates reported, that the Certificates placed in their hands for examination were correct, and reported the names as follows from their several Encampments, viz:



P. C. P. Wm. Ellison, and P. H. P. A. P. Cleverly, from **Massasoit Encampment, No. 1.**

P. C. P. George L. Montague, and P. H. P. Edward W. Howe, from **Tri-Mount Encampment, No: 2.**

P. C. P. John Vaughton and P. H. P. J. H. Russell, from **Menotomy Encampment, No. 3.**

P. H. P. Nath'l P. Brooks from **Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5.**

P. C. P. Brewster Reynolds and P. H. P. Joseph Newmarch, from **Mount Washington Encampment, No. 6.**

And upon ballot were duly elected, and all, with the exception of P. H. P. Josiah H. Russell, presented themselves for admission, and accordingly were instructed in the G. E. Degree.

*Voted*, That the Grand Sentinel enforce fully the duties of his office.

The Committee on filling out Charter and procuring Frame, reported progress and further time granted.

The Committee on examination of returns of Subordinate Encampments, reported, that the several reports placed in their hands were correct, with the exception of Mount Washington Encampment, of an error in their favor of an amount of ninety cents, overpaid in account of dues.

It having been stated that three Petitions for Encampments, were upon the G. Scribe's table, it was then

*Voted*, That they be offered, and thereupon a Petition from several brothers, residents of Newburyport, was read, for a Charter to be granted them for the establishment of an Encampment to be known and hailed as Merrimack Encampment, No. 7, I. O. of O. F. to be under the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, and to be located at Newburyport.

A petition also from several brothers was read, for the establishment of an Encampment to be situated at Worcester, praying that a Charter might be granted them for an Encampment, to be known and hailed as Wachusett Encampment, No. 8, I. O. of O. F.

A Petition likewise for an Encampment to be situated at Lynn, and to be known as Nahant Encampment, No. 9, I. O. of O. F., was read; they soliciting that a Charter might be granted them for an

Encampment, to be under the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment.

The above Petitions were laid upon the table to admit of a private motion as offered by Representative Robbins, which was carried and a Committee of three, composing P. C. P. Montague and Reynolds, and P. H. P. A. P. Cleverly were appointed who are to report at the annual meeting of this Encampment.

It was then *Moved*, That the Petitions be now taken from the table, which was carried.

It was then *Moved*, That the Petition from Newburyport be granted. After some considerable discussion it was decided in the affirmative.

It was then *Moved*, That the Petition from Worcester be granted. After its merits were freely discussed, it was decided in the negative.

It was then *Moved*, That the Petition from Lynn be granted. After being agitated to a great extent, it was likewise decided in the negative.

Grand Treasurer Cole informed the Grand Encampment that he had in his possession a bill of Mr. Mitchell for \$20,00, and also of Bro. Alfred Mudge for \$18,25, which, upon motion, were ordered to be paid.

Communication from Machigonne Encampment, No. 1, Portland, Me., was offered and ordered to be placed on file.

The following bills were then presented, viz: three bills of Tremont Lodge, full amount \$3,25; C. C. Hayden, \$4,07, which were ordered to be cancelled.

The information requested of Machigonne Encampment, the Scribe in conjunction with the Grand Patriarch, had communicated the same.

The Grand Patriarch, in October last, received a letter from D. D. G. S. Guild, in behalf of the G. L. U. S., requesting the reports of the Subordinate Encampments, from July 1st, 1844, to 16th September, 1844, was offered, and the Scribe stated, that he had requested, and received all the reports of the Subordinate Encampments up to that time, (with the exception of Monomake Encampment, No. 4, which at this time had not been received,) and delivered the same in the hands of D. D. G. S. Guild, with the per

centage due thereon. D. D. G. S. Guild, returned the report of Mount Washington Encampment, with the per centage, informing that the report was not called for by the G. L. U. S. The Scribe then stated that he had examined the report and placed the same on file, and paid the per centage into the hands of Grand Treasurer Cole, all of which was confirmed by this Grand Encampment.

The Scribe then informed the Grand Encampment that he had received in the month of December, 1844, from Grand Secretary of G. L. U. S., six copies of the proceedings of that body, and retained one for this Encampment, and delivered the balance to the first five Subordinate Encampments of this state.

A bill of J. Jones for \$17,25, was received since the last session, and with the approbation of the Grand Patriarch, the Scribe had placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, with instruction to cancel the same, which was approved by this Grand Encampment.

The Scribe, in conjunction with the Grand Patriarch, anticipating that a number of Charters might be granted by this Grand Encampment at this meeting, took the responsibility of ordering from the G. L. U. S. six I. B. and three sets of W. B., together with a quantity of Clearance and Visiting Cards, which this Encampment commended.

A bill from G. L. U. S. for \$49,75, was received and ordered to remain in the hands of the Grand Treasurer until the annual session of this Grand Encampment.

On motion the Scribe was instructed to notify the several Subordinate Encampments, of the report of the Committee of the order, relative to Cards of Withdrawal and Visiting, and of the Resolution passed by G. L. U. S., all of which is to be found on pages 73, 74, 75, of the last proceedings of the G. L. U. S.

Grand Sentinel Jones proposes for alteration, Art. 3d, Sect. 1st, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, by erasing all, after the word 'divided,' on the 14th line, which alteration, by provision of the Constitution, was ordered to lie over until the annual session of this Grand Encampment.

On motion closed at eleven o'clock.

Attest,

C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.*

## REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ENCAMP

ENCAMPMENTS.		No. Initiations.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admit'd by Card	Withd'n by Card	Suspens. & Cause
MASSASOIT,	No. 1.	21	16	1	6	17	—
TRI-MOUNT,	No. 2.	11	11	3	4	3	—
MENOTOMY,	No. 3.	5	5	—	—	—	*1
MONOMAKE,	No. 4.	8	8	—	—	—	—
BUNKER-HILL,	No. 5.	22	22	—	—	—	—
MT. WASHINGTON,	No. 6.	9	9	—	—	—	—
Total,	Six.	76	71	4	10	20	1

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## NAMES OF OFFICERS, FOR T

ENCAMPMENTS.	C. P.	H. P.
MASSASOIT.	Albert Guild.	Charles A. Smit
TRI-MOUNT.	George Norton.	Joseph B. Frost.
MENOTOMY.	Jesse P. Pattee.	D. Macfarlane. ks, Jr.
MONOMAKE.	A. Huntington.	J. W. Beard. raves.
BUNKER-HILL.	Wm. Caban.	Justin Jones. or.
MT. WASHINGTON.	C. D. Strong.	Charles H. Whitey.

*N. B. Communications for the Grand Encamp.*



# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT

OF

**I. O. O. F.**

AT ITS SESSIONS HELD  
APRIL 1ST, 1845, AND APRIL 30TH, 1845.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

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ENCAMPMENT HALL, }  
Boston, April 1st, 1845. }

Per order of the Grand Patriarch, a Special Session of the Grand Encampment, I. O. of O. F. of this state, was holden this evening, at seven o'clock, for reception of Petitions, and such other business as might be profered.

Present,

**HEZEKIAH PRINCE**, *Grand Patriarch.*

**EDWARD TYLER**, *M. E. G. H. P. p. t.*

**JOHN VAUGHTON**, *Grand Senior Warden, p. t.*

**C. C. HAYDEN**, *Grand Scribe.*

**RAYMOND COLE**, *Grand Treasurer.*

**N. Y. CULBERTSON**, *Grand Junior Warden.*

**WM. H. JONES**, *Grand Sentinel.*

**ROB'T L. ROBBINS**, *Grand Representative.*

Opened on the G. E. Degree in the usual manner.

The following Patriarchs presented their credentials for membership, viz :

**P. H. P. Job H. Cole**, of Monomake Encampment, No. 4.

**P. C. P. David Dodge**, of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3.

**P. C. P. Isaac C. Cushing**, of Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5.

Who were balloted for and elected, and instructed in the G. E. Degree.



The Scribe then informed the Encampment that he had upon his table two Petitions for Charters for Encampments:—one from New Bedford, to be known and hailed as Annawan Encampment, No. 8, to be located in New Bedford, county of Bristol; the other from Malden, to be hailed and known as Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, to be located at Malden, county of Middlesex, each of said towns and counties being in this state.

Upon motion, *Moved*, That the Petition from New-Bedford be granted. After some agitation it was decided in the affirmative.

A motion was sustained that the Petition from Malden be read, After which a motion was ordered that it lie upon the table, until the documents annexed to the same had been offered, which being done, it was then

*Moved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted. After argumentation, the motion was taken by yeas and nays, which stood as follows:—eleven in the affirmative, and four in the negative, and accordingly a Charter was granted.

A bill from G. L. U. S. was received since the last session, for \$73,25, which was offered and referred to the Finance Committee.

It having been stated that, undoubtedly, a petition from several brethren, residents of Worcester and vicinity, would be received in a few days, praying that a Charter might be granted to enable them to establish an Encampment, to be located at Worcester, and in consideration of such information, it was

*Moved*, That a Special Meeting of this Encampment be holden on Wednesday evening, next preceding the first Thursday in May, and that the Scribe procure a suitable room for that purpose, and notify the members thereof.

The following resolution was offered by P. C. P. Slack.

*Resolved*, That an annual compensation of Fifty Dollars, be allowed the Grand Scribe of this Grand Encampment, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and that he be authorised to draw upon the Treasurer for the same, which, upon motion, was laid upon the table.

*Moved*, (in anticipation of a communication relative to the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Order of this state, which is to take place on Thursday, 19th June next.) That this Grand Encampment appear in a body, and that a committee of five be appointed to confer with certain officers of G. L. U. S., as to a Regalia to be worn by the Grand Encampment, to report and recommend at the next Special Session as to the Regalia, and the manner of appearance of this Encampment on the day of the celebration. The following members were appointed said committee:

G. Treasurer R. Cole, G. Representative R. L. Robbins, G. Sentinel Wm. H. Jones, P. G. H. P. Edward Tyler, and P. C. P. Wm Ellison.

Nothing further being offered, closed in usual form at 10 1-4 o'clock.

Attest,

C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe*.

ODD-FELLOWS (OLD) HALL, }  
Boston, 30th April, 1845. }

In accordance with a vote passed at the last Special Session, this Grand Encampment convened this evening at seven and a half o'clock for Reports of Committees and business.

Present,

Hezekiah Prince, G. Patriarch.

Newell A. Thompson, M. E. G. H. P.

\*Thomas Barr, G. S. W.

C. C. Hayden, G. Scribe,

Raymond Cole, G. Treasurer.

N. Y. Culbertson, G. Junior Warden.

Wm. H. Jones, G. Sentinel.

R. L. Robbins, G. Representative, and other members of the Encampment.

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*Of Lowell.*

Opened in the G. E. Degree in usual form.

Patriarch J. N. Russell presented himself for admission, his certificates having been forwarded at the last regular session was balloted for and elected.

The Encampment was then informed that two Petitions for Encampments were upon the Scribe's table. One from Worcester, county of Worcester, to be known and hailed as Wachusett Encampment, No. 10; the other from Lynn, county of Essex, to be hailed as Nahant Encampment, No. 11, which, upon motion were read.

It was then *Moved*, That the petition from Worcester be granted. After discussion as to the necessity of granting the prayer of the petitioners, it was decided in the affirmative.

It was then *Moved*, That the petition from Lynn be granted. After consideration, and a document accompanying the petition being offered, certifying that if a Charter should be granted to establish an Encampment in Lynn, the signers, forty-four in number, would immediately avail themselves of the privilege of becoming members thereof, if elected. The ballot being taken by yeas and nays, stood as follows:—twelve in the affirmative and eight in the negative, and therefore a Charter was granted

The Committee on Regalia, reported, that they had ascertained that there is no definite Regalia to be worn by Grand Encampments, and recommended a Sash, to correspond with a pattern, as shown by them. After some suggestions, it was referred back to the committee for its completion,

The committee further suggested, that this Encampment appear on foot, and, by motion, the recommendation of the committee was sustained, which stood as follows:—fourteen in the affirmative and six in the negative.

*Moved*, That the Scribe procure a hall for the benefit of this Grand Encampment on the day of the celebration of the order in this state.

*Moved*, That Jewels be adopted for this Grand Encampment, and that the Committee on Regalia procure the same.

*Moved*, That the Committee on Regalia recommend at the next session of this Encampment a style of Aprons to be uniformly worn by this Grand Encampment.

M. E. G. H. P. N. A. Thompson gave notice that at the next regular meeting of this Grand Encampment, he should introduce a resolution to this effect, viz:—That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, applications for Charters for Encampments shall not be granted unless accompanied by signatures of fifty scarlet members (certifying that if an Encampment is chartered in the vicinity of our residences, we will avail ourselves of the privilege of becoming members if elected.) Nor then without circumstances warrant the establishment of an Encampment.

*Moved*, That G. Representative R. L. Robbins use his means and suasion to have adopted at the next regular session of the G. L. U. S., the Regalia now adopted by this Grand Encampment, to be adopted by all Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S.

*Moved*, That when the committee have fully completed the pattern of Regalia, they notify the Scribe thereof, and that the Scribe inform all Subordinate Encampments of the same, prohibiting them from wearing the Regalia adopted by this Grand Encampment.

Also, *Moved*, That as soon as the committee can conveniently forward to the Scribe, a perfect description of the Regalia, the Scribe then inform all members of this Grand Encampment of the same, in conjunction with a notice of the place of meeting on the day of the celebration.

*Moved*, That all bills forwarded to the Scribe during the intermission of the sessions of this Grand Encampment be referred to the Finance Committee, and if found correct to be passed into the hands of the Grand Treasurer for settlement.

In conjunction with article 30th, of the By-Laws of the G. L. U. S. which reads thus:

"State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall provide Laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant states, by prohibiting the Subordinates under their jurisdiction from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood."

In compliance with the above, this Grand Encampment doth hereby direct all Subordinate Encampments in this state, not to initiate or confer the degrees upon any brother of the order, into any Encampment under the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, whose residence is nearer any other Encampment than the one applied to, unless by the written consent, with seal attached, of such Encampment, and on no account whatever shall permission be given to initiate or confer the degrees, upon any brother from a neighboring state where an Encampment is in existence.

Nothing further being offered, closed at 10 o'clock.

Attest,

C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.*

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[NOTE. The committee on examination of Reports, at the last semi-annual session, reported Mt. Washington Encampment's Report incorrect of an overbalance of dues, of 90 cts. which since has been ascertained to have been correct, they charging thirteen dollars for Initiation and Degrees, instead of twelve dollars.

Reports of Monomake Encampment, No. 4, from July 1st to September 16th, 1844; and from 16th September, 1844, to January 1st, 1845, were received 6th February, 1845, which have been examined, found correct, and placed on file.

Merrimack Encampment, No. 7, of Newburyport, was instituted and its officers installed on Friday evening, February 14th, 1845.

Communication from Suffolk Lodge, No. 8, in relation to a building to be erected for the exclusive privileges of the Order at large of this city, was received on the 5th March, and in compliance with which, the G. P. appointed P. H. P. Cole, a committee to unite with the committees of the several Encampments and Lodges, which committee met on Thursday evening, 13th March, 1845, at Encampment Hall.

The Institution of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, of Malden, and the Installation of its officers took place on Thursday evening, April 17th, 1845.

A bill of G. Scribe C. C. Hayden, for cash paid sundry bills, amounting to \$16.24, was presented May 7th, 1845, to the Grand Treasurer, and paid by him with the approval of the Finance Committee.

A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., was received May 13th, 1845, informing this Grand Encampment that the Grand Lodge have voted to celebrate the revival of Odd Fellowship in this state, on Thursday, June 19th, 1845, and soliciting the Grand Encampment to join in the procession. At a session of the Grand Encampment holden April 15th, 1845, in anticipation of such solicitation, the Grand Encampment took action thereon, and accordingly the communication has been placed on file.

A communication from Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Portsmouth, N. H., received May 14th, 1845, inviting this Grand Encampment to be present at the Anniversary of their Lodge, on the 22d of May, 1845, (it being the first public celebration of the Order in that State,) was placed on file—the Grand Encampment having no intermediate session.

Institution of Nahant Encampment of Lynn, No. 11, and Installation of its Officers, took place on the evening of the 15th of May.

**Institution of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F. of Worcester, and the Installation of its Officers, was performed on the 16th of May, 1845.**

**Attest,**

**C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.***

*N. B. Scribes of the several Encampments, will please read the following to their respective Encampments.*

BOSTON, APRIL 30TH, 1845.

To all Subordinate Encampments of the I. O. of O. F., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts.

By order of the Grand Encampment, I hereby call your attention to the following transcript of Article 30th of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz :

State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall provide Laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant states, by prohibiting the Subordinates under their jurisdiction, from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood.

Therefore, In compliance with the requisition of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, hereby direct all Subordinate Encampments, separately and singly, not to initiate any brother of the I. O. of O. F., into your Encampment, whose residence is nearer any other Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of this state, than your own, unless by the written consent of such Encampment with its seal attached, and on no account whatever shall you have permission to initiate a brother from a neighboring state, where an Encampment is in existence.

The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, have adopted for their exclusive use, a Royal Purple Sash, trimmed with gold lace, with a Rosette and Golden Star upon the shoulder and hip, and



Gold Bullion Fringe on the bottom. They have also adopted Jewels for the C. P. and H. P.

P. H. P. Jones proposes for alteration Art. 3d, Sec. 1st, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, by erasing all after the word "divided" on the 14th line. Action thereon will be had at the annual session in August next.

P. C. P. Thompson gave notice that at the annual session of the Grand Encampment, he should offer the following resolution, viz :

"That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, applications for Charters for Encampments, shall not be granted unless accompanied by the signatures of fifty scarlet members, certifying that if an Encampment is chartered in the vicinity of our residences, we will avail ourselves of the privileges of becoming members if elected.) Nor then without circumstances warrant the establishment of an Encampment.

You will please take notice of all of the above and govern yourselves accordingly.

Attest,

C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.*

OLD ODD FELLOWS' HALL, }  
Boston, May 30th, 1845. }

The Grand Encampment, I. O. of O. F. of Mass., convened as above at 7 1-2 o'clock.

Present,

HEZEKIAH PRINCE, *Grand Patriarch.*

N. A. THOMPSON, *M. E. G. H. P.*

BREWSTER REYNOLDS, *Grand Senior Warden,*

C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.*

RAYMOND COLE, *Grand Treasurer.*

N. Y. CULBERTSON, *Grand Junior Warden.*

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Sentinel.*

ROB'T L. ROEBINS, *Grand Representative.*

Also, several Representatives from the different Encampments.

The Committee on Regalia, exhibited a Sash, as recommended by them and adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Encampment. A motion was then made that an inner lace be added thereto, which upon motion was laid upon the table, to admit of the following motion, viz: that bullion be attached to the collar, which was rejected; yeas 5—nays 9. Then the former motion was taken and decided in the affirmative; yeas 8—nays 7.

It was then motioned, that a reconsideration of the vote that bul-

lion be attached to the collar, which was negatived ; yeas 6, nays 7.

It was then moved, That the Regalia, as recommended by the Committee, with the addition of the Sash and Jewels, be fully adopted, which was unanimously carried.

*Voted*, That the Scribe be directed to inform the Subordinate Encampments of the adoption of the Regalia of this Grand Encampment with the improvements.

It having been stated that two petitions for Encampments were on the Scribe's table, viz : one from Roxbury, to be known and hailed as Shalom Encampment, and the other from Salem, to be hailed and known as Naumkeag Encampment. It was then

*Voted*, That they be offered, which, after being read, it was moved, that the petition from Roxbury be granted, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 9, nays 5.

A bill from G. Sentinel Jones was presented, for cash paid sundry small bills, amounting to \$11, which, upon motion, was ordered to be paid.

The following Resolutions were offered by P. M. E. G. H. P. Tyler :

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, it is inexpedient to grant any further charters for Subordinate Encampments, previous to the next annual session of this body in August.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, with instructions to consider and report to the Grand Encampment, a wise and consistent policy to be pursued, in granting charters for Subordinate Encampments in this state.

The following members compose the committee, viz :

Past M. E. G. H. P. Tyler, G. Sentinel Jones, G. Rep. Robbins, P. H. P. Howe and P. C. P. Montague.

It was then moved, That the Committe on Regalia, procure necessary articles for the use of the Encampment, such as crooks, &c. Carried.

Communication from the Chief Marshall, (D. D. G. S. Guild) relative to the procession and order of the day, for the 19th of June next, was offered and ordered to be placed on file.

No further business having been offered, closed at 10 o'clock.

Attest,

C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.*

*N. B. Scribes of the several Encampments will please read the following to their respective Encampments, in connexion with that on the 11th and 12th pages.*

In addition to the Sash, as recommended at the last session of the Grand Encampment, they have adopted a small collar, trimmed with gold lace, for the jewels of the P. C. P. and P. H. P., to be suspended therefrom.

*Errata.* On the 12th page, 2d line, for C. P. and H. P. read P. C. P. and P. H. P.

Attest,

C. C. HAYDEN, *Grand Scribe.*

N. B. All communications for the Grand Encampment, may be addressed to the Scribe, at 57, Washington Street, Boston.



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**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON, AUGUST 6, 1845.**



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ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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ODD FELLOWS' HALL, *Aug. 6, 1845.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment held a Special Session,  
at 7 o'clock, P. M. Present,—

HEZEKIAH PRINCE,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
NEWELL A. THOMPSON,	<i>Grand M. E. High Priest.</i>
THOMAS BARR,	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
N. Y. CULBERTSON,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
C. C. HAYDEN,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
RAYMOND COLE,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
R. L. ROBBINS,	<i>Grand Representative.</i>
W. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

And a full representation from the Encampments under its jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in form.

Prayer by the G. M. E. High Priest.

Records of the Semi-Annual Session, February 5th, and Special Sessions, April 1st and May 30th, read and approved.



Committee on Charter reported that it had been framed.

*Voted*, That the same Committee place the Charter in Encampment Hall.

The following Resolution, offered by Patriarch Slack, at the Special Session, April 1st, 1845, was adopted, viz :—

*Resolved*, That an annual compensation of fifty dollars be allowed the Grand Scribe of this Encampment, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the same.

Communications received from Katahdn Encampment, Maine, Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, and Naumkeag Encampment, No. 13, under this jurisdiction, in relation to the admission of members from other States, were, upon motion, referred to the following Committee :—Patriarchs Jones, Ellison, and Culbertson.

The Proclamation of the M. W. Grand Sire, for a Special Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

*Voted*, That Grand Representative R. L. Robbins be instructed to attend the Special Session.

Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York, in relation to proposed alterations in the work of the Order, were read and ordered to be placed on file.

*Voted*, That the Special Session now close, and that the regular Annual Session be opened.

8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Annual Session opened in form.

*Voted*, That hereafter the nomination and election of Officers, at the Annual Session, shall take place previous to the admission of new members.

The following Patriarchs, having presented correct certificates from their respective Encampments, were severally ballotted for and elected, viz :—

- Enc'p't, No. 1, ALBERT GUILD, *P. C. P.*  
 1, CHARLES A. SMITH, *P. H. P.*  
 4, ANSON HUNTINGTON, *P. C. P.*  
 4, I. W. BEARD, *P. H. P.*  
 5, WILLIAM CABAN, *P. C. P.*  
 5, JUSTIN JONES, *P. H. P.*  
 6, C. D. STRONG, *P. C. P.*  
 6, CHARLES H. WHITE, *P. H. P.*  
 7, EREN S. STEARNS, *P. C. P.*  
 7, GILBERT WATSON, *P. H. P.*  
 10, ALBERT CASE, *P. C. P.*

The above Patriarchs, with the exception of Patriarch Caban, (who was not present,) were admitted and instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from Katahdn, Middlesex, and Naumkeag Encampments,

*Reported*, That the question be asked of the members present from the several Encampments, if, to their knowledge, either of the persons named in the communications have been admitted to membership in their respective Encampments ; and if so, that the C. P. of said Encampment be reprimanded by the Grand Patriarch.

*Voted*, That the Report be accepted.

The Grand Patriarch having made the inquiry, the Patriarchs present signified that they had no knowledge of the fact. The Grand Scribe informed the Grand Encampment that two of the Brothers, named in the communication from Katardhn Encampment, were admitted into Encampments

under this jurisdiction, which are not at present represented.

The amendment to the Constitution, Art. 3, Sec. 1, offered by Patriarch Jones, at the Semi-annual Session, Feb. 5, namely, "To strike out the last five lines," was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Committee appointed at the Special Session in May, to report to the Grand Encampment a consistent plan to be adopted in granting charters for Subordinate Encampments, submitted the following Reports :—

*Boston, August 6, 1845.*

*To the M. W. Grand Patriarch, Officers, and Members of the Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

The Committee appointed by the Grand Encampment, in conformity with a resolution passed at a special session in May last, with instructions to report some consistent course to be pursued in relation to the granting of charters for Subordinate Encampments in this State, have seriously considered the subject referred to them, and respectfully beg leave to report.

Your committee, in viewing the matter thus referred to them, are led to believe that it is of great importance to the permanent welfare of our Order, but more particularly of the Patriarchal branch, that a wise course of policy should be adopted, which may be consistently adhered to by the Grand Encampment, in relation to the granting of charters.

It is due not only to the dignity of this body, but also to the Order under its jurisdiction, that a degree of consistency, in all the measures pursued and adopted, should ever be apparent. Although differences of opinion as to what policy the good of our Order requires must prevail among the members of a body so constituted, yet it is believed that, after calm deliberation, the Grand Encampment can unite in establishing a settled policy to be adhered to, and not liable to be changed or overturned by a change of members, or the influence of any opposing interest.

In forming a policy of this nature, the whole and various interests of our Order throughout the State should be considered. Experience has taught us that the practical operation of the Encampment differs materially from that of the Subordinate Lodges, and we should be guided by a different rule in instituting Subordinate Encampments.

Owing to the spirit claiming so much sympathy with the good and noble qualities of our nature, which so thoroughly pervades the organization of the Subordinate Lodges, wherever one is planted by a few true Odd Fellows, our principles will immediately take root, and good and true men will be drawn into the fold, imbued with the love of the institution, and become engaged in extending its blessings. There can,

therefore, hardly be a mistake in granting charters for Lodges to true brothers. But the organization of the Camp differs in many essential points. Members to it can only be obtained from a limited source. Only those brothers who have attained the highest degrees conferred in the Lodge, are entitled to become applicants for the higher degrees of the Encampment and its benefits, and only a limited number of these aspire to those degrees. And this is the case, while a larger number of members, with greater experience in the Order, more seriousness of character, and more interest in the work are requisite to sustain an Encampment, conduct it to prosperity, and confer the sublime degrees in an effective and proper manner.

With this view of the subject, it would seem improper to locate an Encampment where the Order is not flourishing,—where it has not obtained strength and a firm foothold, and where there would not be an assurance that a large number of members of the Order, and of the right character, would aspire to the R. P. Degree, and unite in sustaining it.

It appears to your Committee that the wants of the Order in this State, at the present time, taking into view the number of scarlet members, and the probable number of those aspiring to the highest degrees, do not demand a greater number of Subordinate Encampments than at present exist. But the question arises, are the Encampments so located as to fully accommodate the Order? It may be a matter of doubt whether it would not have been an advantage, if some of them which are now in the immediate vicinity of each other, had been placed in different sections of the State. It does not appear, however, that any portion of the State, where the Order is sufficiently numerous and prosperous to demand one, is destitute. But if the Order should continue to prosper in the western and southern portions of the State, it might be wise, before a great length of time, to plant Encampments there.

Your Committee deem that great caution should be used in instituting Encampments; that charters giving the privilege of conferring the sublime degrees and granting the advantages of the Camp, instead of being granted indiscriminately, should only be intrusted to members of experience in the Order,—brothers of tried integrity, whose character is a warranty that the privileges will not be abused: that the degrees will be conferred in a proper manner, and the true design of this, the higher branch of our Order, will be strictly maintained, and only where the Order is so numerous that for its convenience an Encampment is imperatively demanded.

Your Committee having in this light considered the subject referred to them, beg leave to present for the adoption of the Grand Encampment the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, the best interests of this branch of our Order require that great care and circumspection should be used in establishing Subordinate Encampments, and that only such a number should be instituted as may be sufficient to supply the increasing wants of the Order, in giving the members the benefit of the Encampment and conferring the higher degrees.

*Resolved*, That it is at present inexpedient to grant any charter for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located in the vicinity of any of the present existing Encampments; and that the wants of our Order in the

eastern portion of the State do not, at the present time, demand any additional Encampment.

*Resolved*, That in granting petitions for charters, the Grand Encampment will not only take into view the present condition of the Order in the places from whence such petitions may come, but also the future prospects of the Order in such sections of the State ; so that the Encampments instituted may be located in such positions as to be of the most permanent advantage to the Order throughout the State.

*Resolved*, That no charter shall be granted to Brothers from any portion of the State, unless in the immediate neighborhood of the place where they petition the Camp to be located, there are seven hundred members of the Order, two hundred of whom shall be scarlet members.

*Resolved*, That every petition for a charter shall be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Grand Encampment, who shall give notice to those concerned in establishing the Encampment, hear the parties interested, and report to the Grand Encampment. And when the Grand Encampment has decided to locate an Encampment agreeably to a petition, the Grand Patriarch shall grant a dispensation to the petitioners to organize by the choice of officers ; and when officers have been elected they shall proceed to ballot for candidates for membership, and when fifty candidates have been elected, and the constitutional initiation fee for fifty members has been paid into their treasury, notice shall be sent to the Grand Encampment, and a charter shall then be granted, and the Encampment duly instituted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,

EDWARD TYLER, *Chairman*.

The following Resolutions were submitted by a minority of the Committee :—

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, the best interests of this branch of our Order require that great care and circumspection should be used in establishing Subordinate Encampments ; and that only such a number should be instituted as may be sufficient to supply the increasing wants of the Order, in giving the members the benefit of the Encampment, and conferring the higher degrees.

*Resolved*, That it is at present inexpedient to grant any charter for a Sub-Encampment, to be located in the vicinity of any of the present existing Encampments ; and that the wants of our Order in the eastern portion of the State do not at the present time demand any additional Encampment.

*Resolved*, That in granting petitions for charters the Grand Encampment will not only take into view the present condition of the Order, in the places from whence such petitions may come, but also the future prospects of the Order in the different sections of the State ; so that the Encampments instituted may be located in such positions as to be of the most permanent advantage to the Order throughout the State.

*Resolve*, That before instituting an Encampment, this Grand Encampment must have an assurance, and such as cannot be doubted, that within a reasonable time as many as fifty scarlet members will

apply for and receive from such Encampment the Camp degrees ; and that no petition for a charter shall be received from Brothers from any portion of the State, if in the immediate neighborhood of the place where they petition the Encampment to be located, there is not seven hundred members of the Order.

*Resolved*, That every petition for a charter shall be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the Grand Encampment, who shall give notice to those concerned in establishing the Camp, and who shall hear the parties interested, and report to the Grand Encampment before any petition shall be granted.

All of which a minority of the Committee would respectfully beg leave to submit.

EDWARD TYLER.

*Voted*, That the above Reports be laid on the table until petitions for charters were read.

Petitions for charters from Concord and Northampton read and laid on the table.

*Voted*, That the Reports of the Committee on the subject of granting charters be taken up, and each Resolution acted upon separately.

The first Resolution was adopted.

The second Resolution was, on motion of Patriarch Beard, amended, by striking out all after the word Encampments, and adopted.

The third Resolution was adopted.

On motion of Patriarch W. H. Jones,

*Voted*, That further action upon the other Resolutions be indefinitely postponed.

Patriarch Stone offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That no charter for a Subordinate Encampment under the jurisdiction be granted, except at a regular session of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was accepted :

*Odd Fellows' Hall, Aug. 6, 1845.*

The Grand Treasurer begs leave respectfully to report, that, during his services, he has

Received from P. G. Scribe Slack,	-	-	-	-	\$28 26
“ “ Grand Scribe Hayden,	-	-	-	-	368 82
“ “ Tri-mount Encampment, on loan,	-	-	-	-	150 00
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					547 08
Paid sundry bills, as per vouchers, amounting to	-	-	-	-	256 21
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Balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	290 87
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The Treasurer respectfully recommends that from this sum there be paid (when due) to Tri-mount Encampment its note of \$150, with the interest; and that the amount due the Grand Lodge of the United States, as per bills to be presented by the Grand Scribe, be forwarded to said Grand Lodge, at its next session, by the hands of the Grand Representative.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COLE, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Finance Committee reported that the account of the Grand Treasurer was correct, and asked for further time to examine the account of the Grand Scribe.

*Voted* to accept the Report, and grant the Committee further time.

The petitions for charters from Concord and Northampton were taken from the table and acted upon.

A motion to instruct the Grand Patriarch to grant a dispensation to Brothers at Northampton, when presented in proper form, *was rejected.*

A motion to grant the prayer of the petitioners from Concord *was rejected.*

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

*For Grand Patriarch.*

Patriarchs Ellison, Barr, Case, Reynolds, Strong, Stone, Cole.

*For Grand M. E. High Priest.*

Patriarchs Cole, Cleverly, Beard, Case, and Wm. H. Jones.

*For Grand Senior Warden.*

Patriarchs Schouler, Stone, Culbertson, Guild, and Barr.

*For Grand Scribe.*

Patriarchs Howe, J. Jones, W. H. Jones, and Strong.

*For Grand Treasurer.*

Patriarchs Newmarch, Culbertson, White, J. Jones, Howe, Reynolds, and J. H. Cole.

*For Grand Junior Warden.*

Patriarchs Smith, Beard, and Welch.

*For Grand Representative.*

Patriarchs Robbins, Schouler, Beard, Hayden, Reynolds, Tyler, Case, Slack, and Kittredge.

On motion of P. G. Patriarch Hersey,

*Voted*, That the bonds of the Grand Treasurer be increased to five hundred dollars.

*Voted*, That a Committee of two be appointed to assist the Grand Junior Warden to distribute, collect, sort, and count the votes for officers. Patriarchs Montague and Slack were appointed.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of officers.

*For Grand Patriarch.*

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 29

Necessary for a choice - - - - - 15

Patriarch Ellison had 17 votes, and was elected.



*For Grand M. E. High Priest.*

[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 29

Necessary to a choice - - - - - 15

Patriarch Cole had 20, and was elected.

*For Grand Senior Warden.*

[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 27

Necessary to a choice - - - - - 14

Patriarch Stone had 14, and was elected.

*For Grand Scribe.*

[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 30

Necessary to a choice - - - - - 16

Patriarch Wm. H. Jones had 16, and was elected.

*For Grand Treasurer.*

[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 25

Necessary to a choice - - - - - 13

Patriarch Newmarch had 13, and was elected.

*For Grand Junior Warden.*

[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 24

Necessary to a choice - - - - - 13

Patriarch I. W. Beard had 18, and was elected.

*For Grand Representative.*

[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 26

Necessary to a choice - - - - - 14

Patriarch Robbins had 18, and was elected.

*Voted* to pay Grand Treasurer Cole his bill for jewels, procured for the Grand Encampment.

*Voted* to pay the Deputy Grand Sentinel two dollars for his services.

*Voted* to adjourn, to meet at this hall to-morrow, at eight o'clock, A. M.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,  
*Thursday Morning, August 6, 1845.*

Grand Encampment called to order and opened in due form.

The officers elect were duly installed into their respective chairs by Grand Patriarch Prince.

P. C. P. WILLIAM ELLISON,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
P. H. P. RAYMOND COLE,	<i>Grand M. E. High Priest.</i>
P. C. P. JAMES S. STONE,	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
P. H. P. WILLIAM H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
P. H. P. JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
P. H. P. I. W. BEARD,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
P. H. P. R. L. ROBBINS,	<i>Grand Representative.</i>

Past Grand Scribe Hayden presented the Annual Reports of the following Encampments, viz :—

Massasoit,  
Tri-Mount,  
Menotomy,  
Menomake,  
Mount Washington,  
Merrimac.

which were found to be correct. The Bunker Hill Encampment having overpaid \$6,67, per centage on dues, it was, on motion, voted to be refunded.

**P. G. Scribe Hayden submitted his Annual Report, viz :—**

*Boston, August 7, 1845.*

Total amount received from Aug. 6, 1844, to Aug. 7, 1845, \$814 15.

Paid Grand Treasurer, - - - - - \$696 25

Paid Grand Lodge of the United States,

per centage, viz. :—

Massasoit Encamp., No. 1, to July 1, 1844, \$61 40

“ “ “ to Sept. 16, 1844, 15 45

Tri-mount “ No. 2, “ “ 31 30

Menotomy, “ No. 3, “ “ 2 40

Monomake “ No. 4, “ “ 6 05

Bunker Hill “ No. 5, “ “ 1 30

117 90

\$814 15

**C. C. HAYDEN, Grand Scribe.**

The following bills due the Grand Lodge of the United States, were ordered to be paid, viz :—Bill dated June 11, 1844, \$16,00 ; do., dated Jan. 7, 1845, \$31,25 ; do., dated May 24, 1845, \$98,50.

Notice having been given that a Subordinate Encampment in the State of New York had initiated a brother who was a resident of the State of Massachusetts, contrary to the provision of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Article 30th, it was, therefore,

*Voted*, That the Grand Scribe be directed to inform the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, that Past Grand Hazard was initiated into Union Encampment, No. 17, at Hudson, while a resident of this State, and to call the attention of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York to Article 30th of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Voted* to adjourn to Friday morning, at 8 o'clock.

*Friday morning, 8 o'clock.*

A quorum of the Grand Encampment not being present, the Grand Patriarch adjourned the meeting to the next regular session.

Attest :

**WM. H. JONES, Grand Scribe.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Number of initiations.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.
Massasoit, . . . .	1	94	94	3	9	26	..	..	..
Tri-Mount, . . . .	2	83	83	2	1	2	..	..	..
Menotomy, . . . .	3	19	19	..	..	..	..	..	e.
Monomake, . . . .	4	53	53	5	..	1	†1	..	..
Bunker Hill, . . . .	5	41	41	4	9	10	..	..	..
Mount Washington, .	6	21	21	1	..	..	..	†1	..
Merrimack, . . . .	7	28	27	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Annawan, . . . .	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Middlesex, . . . .	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Wachusett, . . . .	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Nahant, . . . .	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Shâlôm, . . . .	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
*Naumkeag, . . . .	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	r.
Total, . . . .	13	339	338	15	19	45	1	1	..

\* No report due.

† Fraudulent transaction with Encampment.

### Report of the R. W. Grand Encampment

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where.
Massasoit, . . . .	1	Boston
Tri-Mount, . . . .	2	"
Menotomy, . . . .	3	West C
Monomake, . . . .	4	Lowel
Bunker Hill, . . . .	5	Charle
Mount Washington, .	6	South
Merrimack, . . . .	7	Newb
*Annawan, . . . .	8	New E
*Middlesex, . . . .	9	Malde
*Wachusett, . . . .	10	Worce
*Nahant, . . . .	11	Lynn,
*Shâlôm, . . . .	12	Roxbu-
*Naumkeag, . . . .	13	Salem.
Total, . . . .	13	

 \* No report due. † Suspension in F  
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ODD FELLOWS' HALL, Feb. 4, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Encampment held a Special Session at  
10 o'clock, A. M. Present,—

WILLIAM ELLISON,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
R. L. ROBBINS,	<i>Grand M. E. High Priest pro tem.</i>
CHARLES H. WHITE,	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i> “
W. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
J. NEWMARCH,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
N. Y. CULBERTSON,	<i>Grand Junior Warden pro tem.</i>
C. C. HAYDEN,	<i>Grand Sentinel pro tem.</i>
R. L. ROBBINS,	<i>Grand Representative.</i>

Encampment opened in form.

Prayer by the G. M. E. H. Priest.

The Grand Scribe commenced reading the Records of the Annual Session, when, on motion of Patriarch Ladd, it was voted to dispense with the further reading.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual Communication, which, on motion of Patriarch Jones, was referred to Patriarchs Prince, Smith, and Culbertson, for the purpose



of dividing the subject therein contained in such manner that they may be considered separately by this Grand Encampment.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**PATRIARCHS :—**Since your last meeting the Patriarchal branch of our Order has continued to increase in prosperity and numerical strength. The Subordinate Encampments throughout the jurisdiction, are, most of them, in a healthy and prosperous condition. Order and harmony, those essential elements for the preservation and perpetuity of our Institution, seem to have prevailed generally among us. The history of Odd Fellowship in the State of Massachusetts, has been but a series of triumphs over every impediment that has been placed in its path ; and as long as we continue to confine ourselves to a diffusion of the legitimate principles of the Institution, our course will be onward and forward. Society, by our fruits, will acknowledge and respect us, and we shall have the glorious satisfaction of knowing that our Order has done something not only to ameliorate the condition of man, but to strengthen his affections and rekindle within him those kindly sympathies implanted there by the Author of his being.

The returns from the different Encampments have all been received, and they exhibit an aggregate of 1,029 Royal Purple members. I regret exceedingly to notice the return from Menotomy Encampment at West Cambridge. The Patriarchal Branch of our Order in that locality does not seem to flourish with that vigor that characterizes the growth of the other Encampments in the State. Menotomy Encampment, No. 8, one of the oldest among us, has gone backward in membership during the past six months. If there are any local causes that will effectually prevent her growth, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of removing that Encampment to a more favorable location. I would also recommend the adoption of a law authorizing the appointment of District D. Grand Patriarchs and the districting the State, which will materially assist the Grand Patriarch in the discharge of his duties, which, under the present arrangement, are exceedingly onerous. I would also in this connexion suggest the propriety of the adoption of a law, directing the expenses of installing the officers of the different Encampments to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Encampment, confining the

number of installing officers to one, in addition to the D. D. Grand Patriarch. I think the present and prospective receipts into the treasury will warrant this expenditure.

I would also recommend a repeal, or some modification of the direction of the Grand Encampment, adopted at the Special Session in April last, whereby Subordinate Encampments are prohibited from initiating brothers whose place of residence is nearer any other Encampment. As the law now stands, many brothers are deprived entirely of the privileges of the Patriarchal Degrees, in consequence of the great inconvenience the enforcement of this rule subjects them to. Brothers residing in Haverhill, for instance, whose business frequently calls them to Boston, and who desire to join an Encampment in the city, cannot do so without the consent of the Encampment at Newburyport. It seems to me that the distance, in point of time and the additional expense and inconvenience, should be duly considered. The Grand Encampment will take such action upon the subject as in their wisdom they may deem expedient. I would also recommend a repeal of the by-law fixing the time of meeting at seven and eight o'clock. It is desirable, in order to accommodate the members residing out of the city, that the session of the Grand Encampment should close on the same evening. It would be better, I think, to call the meeting at nine or ten o'clock in the forenoon, which will give us ample time to transact the business of the session, and prevent the evils that are the natural concomitants of hasty legislation. I would also recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare a suitable form for a charter for Subordinate Encampments. Some amendments and improvements, I think, might be made to the Constitution of this body, but perpetual alterations in the settled policy of an institution are very objectionable; and I leave it for the Grand Encampment to determine whether or not it is expedient to appoint a committee to revise the By-Laws and Constitution, which are the present guide to our government. It has suggested itself to my mind that an alteration of the character of the Grand Encampment from what it now is to a representative body, would be an improvement. Under our present Constitution, we recognize no representatives from Subordinate Encampments, which in effect deprives them of the power of instructing any of their past officers to sustain or vote for any measure before the Grand Encampment, in

which they may be personally interested. Has not this feature the shadow, if not the substance, of despotism?

In closing this communication, Patriarchs, allow me to make a few suggestions in relation to the revised work of the Encampment. The latest advices inform us that it will probably be received in the course of a few weeks. Before delivering it to the Subordinate Encampments, I would suggest the propriety of adopting certain rules and regulations to govern the working of the different degrees which shall be explicit and imperative. It must be apparent, I think, to every one, that there is a great want of uniformity in working the Encampment Degrees. My own observations have convinced me of the absolute necessity of a radical change in this particular. It is the end and aim of the different degrees to impress upon the minds of those receiving them, the nature and importance of our Fellowship in sowing the seeds of Friendship and Love in the community, and of gathering together in one fold men of the most discordant opinion. All appearance of levity should be studiously avoided, and the feelings of the most sensitive should be regarded and cared for. As the brethren advance in the Order, they expect to see a higher state of perfection; and the Patriarchal branch, if carried out in the spirit designed by its framers, will increase their interest and love for the principles of the institution. It should be the imperative duty of the D. D. Grand Patriarchs to visit each Encampment under his jurisdiction at least once in three months, to see and inquire into their condition and manner of conferring the work. The distribution of the revised work will afford a good opportunity for prescribing the precise manner in which the work shall be performed; and perhaps it would be advisable to appoint a special committee to visit every Encampment under this jurisdiction, and assist in putting the work into operation. In some such way only, can it be brought to that state of unity that is so desirable. It is natural to suppose, that, where conflicting instructions are imparted, the greatest irregularities must necessarily exist. This evil should be studiously avoided. Brethren, we cannot be too particular in regulating the machinery by which our Institution is kept in motion, and is made to accomplish so much that is good and commendable. The last Report of that able and efficient officer, Grand Secretary Ridgely, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, presents our Order, throughout the entire jurisdiction, in a most happy and flourishing condition. And it is only by a watchful vigilance

in the several States, that this high state of prosperity can be sustained. The Order is yet, comparatively, in its infancy, and let us seek rather to strengthen and perpetuate it by admitting to our Brotherhood those only whose membership will add to its character and its usefulness, leaving it to the mellowing hand of time to develop the ever-living principles upon which our Institution is founded.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

WILLIAM ELLISON, *Grand Patriarch.*

*Boston, Feb. 3, 1846.*

The following communication, received from Wachusett Encampment, was read, and on motion referred to the following committee, namely, Patriarchs White, Newmarch, and Justin Jones.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers, and Members of the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of Massachusetts.*

**SIR AND PATRIARCHS:**—The members of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, have heard that Massasoit Encampment has elected and conferred the Encampment Degrees on some brothers residing at Greenfield, in this State, and that Tri-mount Encampment has elected and conferred the same degrees on J. D. Hawks, of Northampton; and they regret that those Encampments have done this in defiance of an order of the Grand Encampment, recorded page 11th of Proceedings, April 30th, 1845, and not since rescinded, which reads as follows, viz:—  
“The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts hereby directs all Subordinate Encampments, separately and singly, not to initiate any brother of the I. O. of O. F. into your Encampment whose residence is nearer any other Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of this State than your own, unless by the written consent of such Encampment, with its seal attached.”

The Massasoit and Tri-mount Encampments must have been aware of the fact, that the residence of the brothers residing at Greenfield and Northampton was “nearer Wachusett Encampment under your jurisdiction” than it was to Boston, and that therefore they were expressly forbidden to initiate them without the “written consent” of Wachusett Encampment, “with its seal attached.” The aforesaid consent was not asked for by either of those Encampments, and yet we are in-

formed that they have elected those brothers and conferred the degrees upon them.

The members of Wachusett Encampment take this opportunity of complaining to your honorable body of the unlawful and unnecessary action of the said Massasoit and Tri-mount Encampments in the premises, and pray that they may be required to refund to this Encampment the fees of initiation, and conferring the degrees of the Patriarchal Order on those brothers ; and that they may otherwise be dealt with, as the laws of the Order and the harmony and future welfare of the Patriarchal Branch requires, and in such manner as shall secure the individual Encampments in their proper rights and privileges, and be a warning to each not to violate the requirements of the Grand Encampment. Trusting our appeal will meet with consideration, and that your honorable body will protect the rights of the individual Encampments, we submit the above, in the belief that in your wisdom you will direct the said Encampments to pay over the said fees to our Encampment, and prevent any further violation of those laws by which we ought all to be governed.

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*At a meeting of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, held on Thursday evening, January 29th, the following resolutions were adopted :—*

*Resolved,* That the rights of Wachusett Encampment and of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order under your jurisdiction, require the action of this Encampment as above under existing circumstances.

*Resolved,* That our Representatives in the Grand Encampment be, and are hereby instructed to use their influence to obtain the required redress.

F. P. OLIVER, C. P.

D. C. THURSTON, H. P.

G. A. HAMILTON, Scribe.

*Worcester, Mass., Jan. 29th, 1846.*

Appeal of William Fergus of Bunker Hill Encampment was read, and on motion of Patriarch Smith, it was laid on the table.

Communication presented by Patriarch Guild, in relation to matters of grievance between Patriarch Pollard and

himself, of Massasoit Encampment, against Tri-mount Encampment, was read, and on motion of Patriarch W. H. Jones, it was

*Voted*, That the communication be laid on the table until documents relating to the same subject are presented by Tri-mount Encampment.

Petitions were presented for charters for the following Encampments, viz :—

Naomi, to be located in Taunton.

Holyoke, to be located in Northampton.

Connecticut River, to be located in Springfield.

Samaritan, to be located in Chelsea.

On motion, the petitions were referred to Patriarchs White, Smith, Robbins, Hayden, and Newmarch.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Patriarch, submitted the following report :—

The Committee to whom was referred the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Patriarch would respectfully submit the following report :—

1st. That so much of the Communication as relates to Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, be referred to a Special Committee of Two.

2d. That so much of the Communication as relates to the districting the State and the appointment of District Deputy Grand Patriarch, be referred to a Committee of Two.

3d. That so much of the Communication as relates to the payment of expenses for installing the officers of the Subordinate Encampments, be referred to a Committee of Two.

4th. That so much of the Communication as relates to the initiation of members at Encampments remote from their permanent residence, be referred to a Committee of Two.

5th. That so much of the Communication as relates to the time of the meetings of the Grand Encampment, be referred to a Committee of Two.

6th. That so much as relates to charters for Subordinate Encampments, be referred to a Committee of Two.

7th. That so much as relates to the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Encampment, be referred to a Committee of Two.

8th. That so much as relates to amending the Constitution of this Grand Encampment, so as to make it a representative body, be referred to a Committee of Two.

The Committee would further report on the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Patriarch.

1st. On the suggestion of the Grand Patriarch, on the adoption of Rules and Regulations for uniformity in the work of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, the Committee would respectfully recommend, that, on the reception of the revised work of this branch, the Grand Patriarch be requested to call a special meeting of the Grand Encampment, to consider and act upon the above suggestion.

2d. With regard to the suggestion in relation to the D. D. Grand Patriarchs visiting each Encampment under this jurisdiction once in three months, they recommend that this should be an established law.

H. PRINCE,

C. A. SMITH,

N. Y. CULBERTSON.

The Report was accepted, and the following Committees appointed :—

1. On Menotomy Encampment, Patriarchs Prince and Smith.

2. On Districting the State and the Appointment of District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, Patriarchs W. H. Jones and Prince.

3. Relating to the Expense of Installing Officers of Subordinate Encampments, Patriarchs Newmarch and Justin Jones.

4. Relating to Initiating Members remote from other Encampments, Patriarchs W. H. Jones and Hayden.

5. Relating to the Time of Meetings of the Grand Encampment, Patriarchs Huntington and Cleverly.

6. On Charters for Subordinate Encampments, Patriarchs Robbins and W. H. Jones.

**7. On Amending and Revising Constitution and By-Laws, Patriarchs Smith and Newmarch.**

*Voted*, That the Grand Patriarch be added to this Committee.

**8. With regard to making the Grand Encampment a Representative Body, Patriarchs Culbertson, J. Jones, and Robbins.**

It was moved that the first recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

It was moved by P. G. Patriarch Hersey to amend by erasing "Grand Encampment" and inserting "Grand Officers and District Deputies," if appointed.

*Voted*, That the recommendation, as amended, be adopted.

It was moved to adopt the second recommendation of the Committee, with the amendment, adding after the word law "and their expenses paid by this Grand Encampment."

*Voted*, That the recommendation, as amended be adopted.

*Voted*, That when the Encampment adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

A motion was made by Patriarch Justin Jones, that Past Grand Scribe Slack be allowed and paid the sum of twenty-five dollars for previous services, which was lost.

*Voted*, That the subject of the salary of the Scribe be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Committee on the Communication from Wachusett Encampment submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

*Boston, Feb. 4, 1846.*

The Committee to whom was referred a Communication from Wachusett Encampment would respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and would recommend that this



Grand Encampment sanction the doings of the M. W. Grand Patriarch in the premises.

C. H. WHITE,  
J. NEWMARCH,  
JUSTIN JONES.

*Voted*, That a Committee of Three be appointed to examine the returns of Subordinate Encampments and the recommendations of past officers for membership to this Grand Encampment.

The Chair appointed Patriarchs Robbins, W. H. Jones and Hayden.

At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12 o'clock the Grand Encampment adjourned.

Attest :

W. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe*.

ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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ODD FELLOWS' HALL,

*Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1846, 7 o'clock, P. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment convened at its Semi-Annual Session. Present,—

WILLIAM ELLISON,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
RAYMOND COLE,	<i>Grand M. E. High Priest.</i>
JAMES M. STONE,	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
W. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
I. W. BEARD,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
R. L. ROBBINS,	<i>Grand Representative.</i>
EDWARD W. HOWE,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the G. M. E. H. Priest.

Records of the Annual and Special Sessions read and approved.

*Voted*, That the appeal of William Fergus be taken from the table and acted upon.

Action suspended thereon by direction of the Grand Patriarch, for the purpose of hearing the Report of the Committee on Elections and Returns.

The Committee on Elections and Returns respectfully report that they have examined the certificates for membership from the several Encampments working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, and submit the following certificates as correct :—

Tri-mount Encampment, No. 2,	P. C. P. John McClellan.
“ “	2, P. H. P. J. B. Frost, jr.
“ “	2, P. C. P. George Norton.
“ “	2, P. H. P. George L. Drinkwater.
Merimack “	7, P. H. P. Thomas H. Lord.
“ “	7, P. C. P. George Emery.
Naumkeag “	13, P. C. P. William Archer, jr.
“ “	13, P. H. P. Benjamin S. Grush.
Shâlôm “	12, P. H. P. H. G. Morse.
“ “	12, P. C. P. Daniel Leach.
Bunker Hill “	5, P. C. P. Ashbel Wait.
“ “	5, P. H. P. Charles Poor.
Wachusett “	10, P. H. P. B. H. Davis.
Nahant “	11, P. C. P. Henry A. Breed.
Mt Washington “	6, P. C. P. Charles Sampson.

The following certificates are not in the form prescribed by the R. W. Grand Encampment, but are essentially correct.

Middlesex Encampment, No. 9,	P. C. P. John McLeish.
“ “	9, P. H. P. William C. Prescott.
Massasoit “	1, P. C. P. John R. Mullen.
“ “	1, P. H. P. L. M. Smith.
Monomake “	4, P. H. P. Hargraves Lord.

The following certificates are incorrect, inasmuch as the Past Officers, (by the certificates they present,) have been elected Additional Representatives to this Grand Body, instead of to membership, as required by the Constitution.

Menotomy Encampment, No. 3,	P. H. P. Ichabod Fessenden.
“ “	3, P. C. P. W. C. Currier.

Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, P. C. P. Jesse D. Pattee.  
 " " 8, P. H. P. D. McFarlane.  
 Annawan " 8, P. H. P. Timothy Ingraham.

All which is respectfully submitted,  
 ROBERT L. ROBBINS,  
 C. C. HAYDEN.

*February 4, 1846.*

*Voted*, That the Report of the Committee on Elections and Returns be accepted.

The following Patriarchs were balloted for and admitted to membership, viz :—

P. C. P. George Norton, Tri-mount Encampment, No. 2.		
P. C. P. John McClellan, " " No. 2.		
P. H. P. J. B. Frost, jr. " " No. 2.		
P. H. P. G. L. Drinkwater, " " No. 2.		
P. C. P. Ashbel Wait, Bunker Hill " No. 5.		
P. H. P. Charles Poor, " " No. 5.		
P. C. P. Chas. Sampson, Mt Washington " No. 6.		
P. C. P. George Emery, Merrimack " No. 7.		
P. H. P. T. H. Lord, " " No. 7.		
P. H. P. B. H. Davis, Wachusett " No. 10.		
P. C. P. Henry A. Breed, Nahant " No. 11.		
P. C. P. Daniel Leach, Shâlôm " No. 12.		
P. H. P. H. G. Morse, " " No. 12.		
P. C. P. Wm. Archer, jr., Naumkeag " No. 13.		
P. H. P. Benj. H. Grush, " " No. 13.		

The following Patriarchs, whose certificates were reported informal, were balloted for and admitted to membership, viz :—

P. C. P. John R. Mullen, Massasoit Encampment, No. 1.		
P. H. P. L. M. Smith, " " No. 1.		
P. C. P. John McLeish, Middlesex " No. 9.		
P. H. P. William C. Prescott, " " No. 9.		

P. H. P. Hargraves Lord, of Monomake Encampment, No. 4, not being in attendance, his certificate, which was reported informal, was laid on the table.

A motion, made by Patriarch Robbins, that the certificates of Past Officers of Menotomy Encampment be laid on the table, was rejected.

*Voted*, That the certificates from Menotomy Encampment be received, and the candidates ballotted for.

Whereupon the following Patriarchs, whose certificates were reported informal, were ballotted for and admitted to membership in this Grand Encampment, viz :—

P. C. P. W. C. Currier,	Menotomy Encampment,	No. 3.
P. C. P. Jesse D. Pattee,	“	No. 3.
P. H. P. Ichabod Fessenden,	“	No. 3.
P. H. P. D. McFarlane,	“	No. 3.
P. H. P. T. Ingraham,	“	No. 8.

All of which were admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree.

On motion, it was voted that the Appeal of Patriarch Fergus be taken from the table and referred to a Committee of Three, whose decision in the case shall be final.

Patriarchs Barr, Newmarch, and Guild were appointed.

A Petition, presented from Patriarchs in North Stoughton, for an Encampment, to be located in that town, was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Documents relating to matters of grievance between Trimount Encampment and Patriarchs Guild and Pollard, of Massasoit Encampment, were submitted by G. M. E. H. P. Cole ; and on motion of Patriarch W. H. Jones, it was

*Voted*, That the whole subject be referred to a Committee of Five.

The Chair appointed the following Committee, viz :—  
Patriarchs Beard, B. H. Davis, Culbertson, J. Jones, and  
Stone.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of  
Patriarch Fergus, submitted the following Report, which  
was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Your Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, on the  
Appeal of Patriarch Fergus, of Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5, beg  
leave to report as follows :—That said Encampment has not expelled  
him according to the Constitution ; and recommend that said Fergus  
have a new trial in the Encampment.

THOMAS BARR,  
ALBERT GUILD.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the  
Grand Patriarch's Communication relating to Menotomy  
Encampment, submitted the following Report :—

The Committee to whom was referred the removal of Menotomy En-  
campment, having carefully considered the subject, would respectfully  
beg leave to report :—That the Grand Encampment having granted to  
a number of petitioners a charter for an Encampment in West Cam-  
bridge, your Committee are of the opinion, that, unless the Encamp-  
ment has violated their charter, this Grand Encampment has not the  
power to take away their charter, or remove the Encampment. There-  
fore would refer the subject to this Grand Encampment.

Respectfully yours,  
HEZEKIAH PRINCE,  
CHARLES A. SMITH.

The Report was accepted, and the subject indefinitely  
postponed.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the

**Grand Patriarch's Communication relating to Districting the State, reported the following resolution :—**

*Resolved*, That the whole subject of Districting the State be referred to the Elective Officers of the R. W. Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. JONES,  
HEZEKIAH PRINCE.

The Report was accepted and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to the Expenses of Installing the Officers of Subordinate Encampments, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*Boston, Feb. 4, 1846.*

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication relating to the Expenses of Installing the Officers of Subordinate Encampments, would recommend that this Grand Encampment, from this date, defray the expenses of the Installing Officers.

J. NEWMARCH,  
JUSTIN JONES.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication in relation to Initiating Members into Encampments remote from their place of residence, submitted the following Report :—

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to the subject of Initiations into Subordinate Encampments of Brothers of the Order residing at a distance, would respectfully report :—That they have duly considered the subject, but for want of time are unable to go into a full statement of their reasons for offering the following Resolution. They are, however, unanimously of opinion that the law in question should be re-

pealed at once, and offer for the adoption of the R. W. Grand Encampment the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the several Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction be, and they are hereby authorized to admit into and confer the Encampment Degrees upon any and all members of the Order in this State, otherwise duly qualified, without reference to their place of residence ; and that all laws inconsistent with this Resolution be, and the same are hereby repealed.

W. H. JONES,  
C. C. HAYDEN.

The Report was accepted and the Resolution rejected.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to the alteration of the By-Laws, so as to alter the time of meeting of this Grand Encampment, recommend "that the time of meetings of this body be changed to 3 o'clock, P. M.," which recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Charters asked for further time, which was granted.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws asked for further time, which was granted.

The majority of the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to changing the Grand Encampment to a Representative Body, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The majority of the Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Communication of the Grand Patriarch which relates to the alteration of the Constitution of this Grand Encampment, so as to make it a Representative Body, would respectfully submit the following Report :—

The Grand Encampment, by a provision of its Constitution, has now the power of rejecting, by a majority ballot, any Past Officer who presents himself for a seat in this body, duly qualified, and with a recommendation from the Encampment to which he may belong.



That, in the opinion of your Committee, the *only* competent judges of those who are best qualified to make laws by which Subordinate Encampments are to be governed, are the members of such Encampments.

By the power now vested in the Grand Encampment, this body has the right, if it be its pleasure, of depriving any Subordinate Encampment of the power of increasing their number of Past Officers in this body, and also the power of depriving any new Encampment of a voice in this body, from whence they derived their charter, and to which they obligated, under penalty of forfeiture of the same, to pay a certain per centage of their proceeds to the Grand Encampment; and likewise obligated to obey any law which said Encampment may have the power to pass for their future government.

On the great republican principle, that "all power of government is derived from the people," so all power of the Grand Encampment is derived from the Subordinate Encampments; and therefore they should have a right to say who shall be entitled to seats in this body.

With these views, your Committee, or a majority thereof, have come to the decision that that part of the Constitution which refers to the subject, should be disposed of as recommended by the Grand Patriarch.

All of which the Committee would respectfully submit in Friendship, Love and Truth.

N. Y. CULBERTSON,  
JUSTIN JONES.

It was moved to refer the subject-matter contained in the above Report to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

An amendment was offered by G. J. W. Beard to instruct said Committee to incorporate the recommendation of the Committee into the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

The amendment prevailed, and the motion as amended was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred petitions for new Encampments, submitted the following Report:—

*Boston, Feb. 4, 1846.*

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of Petitions for Subordinate Encampments, respectfully beg leave to report that they have attended to their duty, and hereby submit the following :—

They recommend that the Petition from Patriarchs in Springfield, together with all papers accompanying the same, be returned, on account of informalities. The informalities consist in there being only six petitioners, with two Cards, and without date to the Petition.

The Petition from Patriarchs of Chelsea is informal, being without Cards ; but is accompanied by a document which fully satisfies your Committee that they will conform to the requirements of this Grand Encampment in the granting of charters. We therefore leave it in the hands of your Right Worthy Body for further action.

They recommend that a charter be granted to the Petitioners for an Encampment in Taunton.

On the Petition from Patriarchs of Northampton, your Committee recommend that a charter be granted.

CHARLES H. WHITE,  
ROBERT L. ROBBINS,  
C. C. HAYDEN,  
J. NEWMARCH.

Since the above Report was made out, a Petition from Patriarchs of North Stoughton for an Encampment, was referred to the same Committee ; and on investigation your Committee recommend to this Grand Encampment that it is inexpedient to grant a charter for said proposed Encampment.

CHARLES H. WHITE,  
ROBERT L. ROBBINS,  
C. C. HAYDEN,  
J. NEWMARCH.

The Report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

*Voted*, That a charter be granted for an Encampment in Taunton, to be known and hailed as Naomi Encampment, No. 14.

*Voted*, That a charter be granted for an Encampment in Northampton, to be known and hailed as Holyoke Encampment, No. 15.

**Voted**, That the subject of the Petition for an Encampment in Springfield, on account of its informality, be indefinitely postponed.

**Voted**, That the subject of the Petition for an Encampment in Chelsea be indefinitely postponed.

A motion was made that a charter be granted to the Petitioners for an Encampment in N. Stoughton, which was lost.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to Examine the Semi-Annual Reports of Subordinate Encampments, beg leave to submit the following Report :—

**Massasoit Encampment, No. 1.** Incorrect in number and standing of members.

**Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2.** Incorrect in standing of members.

**Menotomy Encampment, No. 3.** Correct,

**Monomake Encampment, No. 4.** Incorrect.

**Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5.** Correct.

**Mount Washington Encampment, No. 6.** Incorrect in standing of members.

**Merrimack Encampment, No. 7.** Correct.

**Annawan Encampment, No. 8.** Incorrect in standing of members. Names of Petitioners not given.

**Middlesex Encampment, No. 9.** Incorrect in number of Degrees conferred. Names of Petitioners not given. Degree attained by the Patriarch withdrawn by Card not given.

**Wachusett Encampment, No. 10.** Incorrect in standing of members. Names of Petitioners not given. Signature of H. P. wanting.

**Nahant Encampment, No. 11.** Correct.

**Shâlôm Encampment, No. 12.** Correct.

**Naumkeag Encampment, No. 13.** Incorrect in standing of members.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROBERT L. ROBBINS,  
C. C. HAYDEN.**

*February 4, 1846.*

On motion of Patriarch Robbins, it was voted that it is the sense of this Grand Encampment that the salary of the Grand Scribe, at the present time, is fifty dollars per annum.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Semi-Annual Report, which was accepted, viz :

*Dr. W. H. Jones, Grand Scribe, in account with the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Feb. 3, 1846.	To Cash received from August 27, 1845, to		
	Feb. 4, 1846,	- - - -	\$398 53

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Cr. 1846.	By paid Grand Treasurer from Aug. 28th,		
	1845, to Feb. 4, 1846,	- -	\$230 00

	By paid sundry expenses pertaining to his		
	office,	- - - -	1 43

Feb. 4.	Cash on hand, to new account,	- -	117 10
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<i>Dr.</i>	Feb. 4.	To cash on hand,	- - - -	117 10
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*W. H. JONES, Grand Scribe.*

*Boston, Feb. 4, 1846.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was accepted, viz :—

*Boston, Feb. 4, 1846.*

The Grand Treasurer would beg leave to report that the amount of money received by him since the regular Annual Session of the Grand Encampment, is as follows :—

From Past Grand Treasurer Cole,	- -	\$590 04	
From Grand Scribe,	- - -	280 00	
From High Priest, for jewels,	- -	8 00	
Returned by Grand Representative Robbins,	-	44 00	
			922 04
From which has been paid, as per bills,	- - -		627 51
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	- - -		294 53

*J. NEWMARCH, Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Patriarch appointed the following Committee of Finance :—Patriarchs Tyler, Prince, and Robbins.

On motion of Patriarch Hayden, it was voted that no Encampment be instituted until after the reception of the Revised Work.

On motion, it was voted that the Grand Scribe be directed to pay the outside Sentinel three dollars for his services, and such other bills as have been incurred during the present session of this body.

At 10½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned.

Attest :

W. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

*Districts and D. D. Grand Patriarchs under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

No. of District.	Name of Encampment.	No. of Enc't	Location.	D. D. G. Patriarchs.
1	Massasoit. Tri-mount. Bunkerhill. Mt Washington. Shâlôm.	1 2 5 6 12	Boston. Boston. Charlestown. South Boston. Roxbury.	} The Officers of the R. W. Grand Encampment.
2	Menotomy.	3	West Cambridge.	
3	Menomake.	4	Lowell.	
4	Merrimack.	7	Newburyport.	
5	Annanaw. Naomi.	8 14	New Bedford. Taunton.	
6	Middlesex.	9	Malden.	N. Y. Culbertson.
7	Wachusett.	10	Worcester.	James M. Stone.
8	Nahant. Naumkeag.	11 13	Lynn. Salem.	} H. A Breed.
9	Holyoke.	15	Northampton.	

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts,**  
for the term ending December 31st, 1845.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Patr's Susp'd and Cause.	Patr's Expld. and Cause.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	No. Degrees Conferred.	No. Contributing Mem.	Past Chief Patriarchs.	Past High Priests.	Amount of Receipts.	Per Centage due Grand Encamp't.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	16	16	2	..	1	*7	1	3	..	65	235	5	4	\$520 37	\$19 20
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do	do.	21	21	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	84	190	4	4	478 10	26 00
Menotomy, . . .	3	W. Cambridge,	Middlesex,	..	..	..	..	..	+2	..	..	1	..	41	4	4	60 00	.. ..
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	do.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	3	172 91	3 60
Bunker Hill, . . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	16	16	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	64	109	5	5	327 60	20 20
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Suffolk,	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	64	2	2	192 14	9 60
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	11	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	46	1	1	193 08	13 20
Anawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	39	37	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	154	46	..	..	543 00	47 30
Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	Middlesex,	37	37	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	466 50	44 40
Wachuset, . . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	29	29	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	116	38	..	..	365 53	34 80
Nahant, . . .	11	Lynn,	Essex,	23	23	..	..	4	+2	..	..	..	92	26	..	..	304 93	27 60
Shalóm, . . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	42	42	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	168	51	..	..	532 50	50 40
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex.	27	26	..	..	..	\$1	..	..	..	107	33	..	..	331 87	32 40
Total, . . .	13			272	267	6	4	8	12	1	3	1	936	1029	25	21	4488 53	328 70

\*Non-payment of dues. †Hosea Jewett, Elbridge Tufts—conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows. ‡Alfred A. Pratt, Benjamin P. Chase—suspension in a Subordinate Lodge. §Wm. C. Johnson—conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. ||W. O. Davis—expelled from Massachusetts Lodge.

# *NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.*

Number.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1	Louis Dennis,	A. W. Pollard,	S. B. Freeman,	David Ayres,	N. M. George,	R. M. Baker.
2	Alfred Mudge,	George Alex. Smith,	E. M. P. Wells,	Edwin Brown,	J. H. Hathorne,	H. P. Parker.
3	John J. Eaton,	Thos. Pierce,	Ralph W. Newton,	John B. Cook,	Addison Hill,	Thos. J. Leland.
4	Hargraves Lord,	N. B. Favor,	S. C. Ames,	E. G. Richardson,	Jonathan Kendall,	J. Merrill.
5	Isaac Cook,	Joseph Wells,	Naham Chapin,	Francis Simonds,	J. Carter Cutler,	Augustus K. Cole.
6	Daniel Hall,	Samuel R. Spinney,	John A. Harris,	W. G. Reed,	Thomas B. Clough,	Henry W. Fletcher.
7	Philip K. Hill,	George T. Granger,	Dexter Dana,	Chas. R. Sargeant,	Jos. N. Titcomb,	Daniel N. Johnson.
8	S. G. Driscoll,	Francis Baker,	John Baylies,	Avery P. Harris,	Edwin Tabor,	John R. Thornton.
9	A. L. Barrett,	Joseph H. Waitt,	F. J. Fay,	Wm. Tozer,	George T. Barney,	George T. Baldwin.
10	F. P. Oliver,	D. C. Thurston,	Geo. C. Tafts,	Edwin Haven,	Geo. A. Hamilton,	C. S. Ellis.
11	Franklin Williams	Wm. Bassett,	Albourne Oliver,	D. M. Hildreth,	A. B. Ingalls,	Edward Carroll.
12	Ira Allen,	A. J. P. Whitcomb,	Robert Seaver,	J. S. C. Wilson,	J. F. S. Huddleston,	S. B. Davis.
13	Samuel B. Foster,	I. D. Shephard,	Franklin Grant,	John White,	J. Lewis Marsh,	Wm. Saunders, Jr.





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**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ENCAMPMENT HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON, AUGUST 5. 1846.**

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ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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ENCAMPMENT HALL, *Aug. 5, 1846.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment met, at its Annual Session, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Present,—

WILLIAM ELLISON,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
RAYMOND COLE,	<i>Grand M. E. High Priest.</i>
CHARLES H. WHITE,	<i>Grand Senior Warden, pro. tem.</i>
WILLIAM H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
J. NEWMARCH,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
I. W. BEARD,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
R. L. ROBBINS,	<i>Grand Representative.</i>
N. Y. CULBERTSON,	<i>Grand Sentinel, pro. tem.</i>

And a full representation from the Encampments under this jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the G. M. E. High Priest.

*Voted*, That the reading of the Record of the Semi-Annual Session be dispensed with.

On motion of Patriarch Barr, it was

*Voted*, That the following vote, passed at the Annual Session, 1845, be rescinded, viz.:

"That hereafter the nomination and election of Officers at the Annual Session shall take place previous to the admission of new members."

**Voted**, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine certificates of candidates for membership.

Patriarchs Robbins, Hayden, and Reynolds, were appointed.

**Voted**, That the election of Officers shall take place at 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee appointed to examine certificates of candidates for membership, reported the following correct : —

On motion, the Report was accepted, and the candidates balloted for, admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree, viz. : —

Massasoit Encampment, No. 1—P. C. P. Louis Dennis.	
"	" 1—P. H. P. Abner W. Pollard.
Tri-mount	" 2—P. C. P. Alfred Mudge.
"	" 2—P. H. P. George Alexander Smith.
Menotomy	" 3—P. C. P. John J. Eaton.
Bunker Hill	" 5—P. H. P. Joseph Wells.
Mt Washington	" 6—P. C. P. Daniel Hall.
"	" 6—P. H. P. Samuel R. Spinney.
"	" 6—P. H. P. Reuben Wheeler.
Merrimack	" 7—P. C. P. Philip K. Hills.
"	" 7—P. H. P. George T. Granger.
Annawan	" 8—P. H. P. Francis Baker.
Nahant	" 11—P. C. P. Franklin Williams.
"	" 11—P. H. P. William Bassett.
Naomi	" 14—P. H. P. E. Dawes Tisdale.
"	" 14—P. C. P. James M. Cook.

The following Patriarchs were balloted for and elected, but were not present to receive the G. E. Degree : —

P. C. P. S. G. Driscoll, Annawan Encampment, No. 8.

P. H. P. Wm. H. Taylor, " " No. 8.

On motion, the rules of order were suspended, for the purpose of considering the certificates reported *informal*.

*Voted*, That the Patriarchs presenting informal certificates, be balloted for.

Whereupon the following Past Officers were balloted for, admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree, viz.:—

P. C. P. Hargraves Lord, Monomake Encamp't,	No. 4.
P. C. P. F. P. Oliver, Wachusett	" No. 10.
P. H. P. D. H. Thurston, "	" No. 10.
P. H. P. A. J. P. Whitcomb, Shâlôm	" No. 12.
P. C. P. Ira Allen,	" " No. 12.
P. C. P. Wendell T. Davis, Mt. Holyoke	" No. 15.
P. H. P. Samuel Wells,	" " No. 15.

P. H. P. N. B. Favour, of Monomake Encampment, No. 4, whose certificate was reported informal, was balloted for and elected, but was not present to receive the G. E. Degree.

P. H. P. Thomas P. Pierce, of Monotomy Encampment, No. 3, (without his certificate,) was balloted for, admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree.

P. C. P. Ashbell Wait and P. C. P. Wm. Caban, having been balloted for and elected at a previous session, were, with the above Patriarchs, admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his annual communication, which, on motion, was referred to Patriarchs Prince, Newmarch, Reynolds, Poor and White, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained, in such manner that they may be separately considered by this Grand Encampment.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

**PATRIARCHS:**—In obedience to the Constitution of this body, we are again assembled together to review the present condition of the Patriarchal department and to provide for its future welfare. A retrospection of the past, brings with it the most brilliant hopes for the fu-

ture. The permanency of our Institution, I trust, is firmly established. As a benevolent association, and as a means to cultivate and diffuse the social virtues throughout the community, it stands out in bold relief among the many philanthropic institutions that distinguish the character of the present age : and it is only by a watchful vigilance in the several subordinate departments of our Order, that this high state of prosperity and usefulness can be sustained.

In offering this communication, Patriarchs, it affords me great pleasure, to be able to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of the Order throughout this jurisdiction. From the Annual Report of the Grand Scribe — which has been prepared with an activity and fidelity worthy of commendation — it appears that during the past year the number of initiations is 536 ; admitted by card, 66 ; expulsions, only 1 ; number of deaths, 4 ; whole number of contributing members, 1268 ; number of Patriarchs relieved, 161 ; amount paid for relief, \$2210 37. From this statement, which cannot but be highly gratifying to us all, we see that the progress of the Patriarchal Order is still onward.

Since the last meeting of this body, two Encampments have been instituted and their officers installed — one at Taunton, known as Naomi Encampment, No. 14, and one at Northampton, known and hailed as Mount Holyoke Encampment, No. 15 : The returns from these new Encampments exhibit an activity and zeal in the cause of Odd Fellowship, worthy of the highest praise.

I am happy to inform you that the revised work of the Patriarchal department has been put in operation since the Semi-annual Meeting in February. That there has been a great and manifest improvement in the forms, ceremonies, lectures, charges and language, must be apparent to all. An essential modification has been made, and the new work abounds in the most beautiful lessons of morality and philanthropy, accompanied with truthful and forcible illustrations, intending to elucidate and perpetuate the great principles of the Institution.

In the communication I had the honor to submit to this body in February last, I took the liberty of recommending a repeal, or some modification, of a resolution of the Grand Encampment, prohibiting Subordinates from initiating brothers whose place of residence was nearer any other Encampment. The subject was referred to a Committee, who reported a resolution recommending a repeal of this prohibitory

law. The report of the Committee was accepted, but the resolution was rejected. Several applications have been made to me during the recess, for dispensations to permit Encampments to initiate Brothers without regard to their place of residence. In consequence of the expression of the Grand Encampment on the question, I have declined granting dispensations. I feel more convinced of the necessity of repealing this resolution, as I believe it to be contrary to the genius of our Association to compel Brethren to join an Encampment, whose meetings it is almost impossible for them to attend, or whose feelings and preferences are in favor of some other Encampment under the same jurisdiction. I would again, with all due deference and respect, recommend the subject of this repeal to the consideration of the Grand Encampment. I would also recommend that some provision be made for the safe keeping of the books of charges and lectures, and the papers and documents belonging to this body. The books and papers, by the kindness of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of this State, have been and are now kept in the safe belonging to that department. It has been convenient so to keep them in consequence of the offices of Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary being united in one person. Should a change take place in this particular, it might become necessary for the Grand Encampment to procure a room and furniture for its exclusive use. I would recommend that the Grand Officers be authorised to make proper arrangements to meet any alteration that might take place.

The Report of the Grand Tseasurer exhibits the financial affairs of the Grand Encampment in a healthy condition. The Reports of the Grand Scribe, and Treasurer, will apprise you of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Encampment for the past year. Several petitions for new Encampments have been received and will be presented to you in the course of the session. In granting charters for subordinate encampments, it seems to me that the greatest care and discretion should be exercised; the wants of the Order, the condition of the subordinate Lodges, and the experience and standing of its members should be taken into consideration. The organization of an Encampment differs essentially from the formation of a subordinate Lodge, and its applicants for membership are confined to those only who have attained the highest degree. It is pleasant to contemplate the rapid increase of our Order, and to view the field of peace and



harmony extending itself over a wider circumference ; but it is also essential that its growth should be strengthened by the mellowing hand of time, and that none should be admitted to the higher degrees in the Order who have not exhibited an attachment to its principles and a determination to exercise their individual exertions for the general welfare. It would certainly be a source of regret to us all to have a single link broken in the chain that binds us together.

In closing this, my last official communication, Patriarchs, I cannot refrain from expressing to you my deep and sincere acknowledgements for the continued evidence of your regard, and my sense of the obligations I am under for the many tokens of esteem and confidence it has been my happiness to receive, not only during the time I have held the high office with which you have honored me, but in all my relations with the Order generally. To the D. D. G. Patriarchs, I would return my sincere thanks for their valuable co-operation in assisting me to discharge the respective duties of my office.

Respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

WILLIAM ELLISON, *Grand Patriarch.*

*Boston, August 5th, 1846.*

On motion, it was voted to suspend the 7th Rule of Order, for the purpose of nominating Officers for the ensuing year.

The following Patriarchs were nominated : —

*For Grand Patriarch.*

Patriarchs Cole, Beard, Reynolds, and White.

*For Grand M. E High Priest.*

Patriarchs McLeish, B. H. Davis, White, and Stearns.

*For Grand Senior Warden.*

Patriarchs Pollard, Justin Jones, Samuel Wells.

*For Grand Scribe.*

Patriarch William H. Jones.

*For Grand Treasurer.*

Patriarchs Newmarch, Robbins, Reynolds, and White.

*For Grand Junior Warden.*

Patriarchs Strong, H. Lord, Vaughton, and Norton.

*For Grand Representatives.*

Patriarchs Ellison, Thompson, H. Prince, Barr, and Justin Jones.

*Voted*, That the Grand Encampment proceed to the election of Officers.

On motion, Patriarchs McClellan, Ladd, and W. T. Davis, were appointed a Committee to collect and count the votes for Grand Officers.

*Voted*, That another Committee be appointed to collect and count the votes for Grand Officers.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Patriarchs Mudge, Norton and Drinkwater.

The Committee reported the result of the balloting to be as follows :

*For Grand Patriarch.*

[On the 3d ballot.]

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	58
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Necessary for a choice,	-	-	-	30
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Patriarch I. W. Beard had 30 votes, and was elected Grand Patriarch.

*For Grand M. E. High Priest.*

[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	44
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Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	23
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Patriarch B. H. Davis had 34 votes, and was elected Grand M. E. High Priest.

*For Grand Senior Warden.*

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	45
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Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	23
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Patriarch Samuel Wells had 34 votes, and was elected Grand Senior Warden.

✱ *For Grand Scribe.*

Whole number of votes, - - - 36

Patriarch Wm. H. Jones had 36 votes, and was elected Grand Scribe.

*For Grand Treasurer.*

Whole number of votes, - - - 43

Necessary to a choice, - - - 22

Patriarch Jos. Newmarch had 22 votes, and was elected Grand Treasurer.

*For Grand Junior Warden.*

Whole number of votes, - - - 53

Necessary to a choice, - - - 27

Patriarch George Norton had 33 votes, and was elected Grand Junior Warden.

*For First Grand Representative.*

Whole number of votes, - - - 50

Necessary to a choice, - - - 26

Patriarch Wm. Ellison had - - - 22

" N. A. Thompson, - - - 16

" Hez. Prince, - - - 7

" Justin Jones, - - - 3

" Thomas Barr, - - - 2

There being no choice, it was

*Voted*, That Patriarchs Wm. Ellison, Newell A. Thompson — the two candidates having the highest number of votes — be the candidates for first Grand Representative.

On motion, it was *Voted*, That this Grand Encampment adjourn immediately after the election of Officers, to meet again at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

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The Committee reported the votes for *First Grand Representative* to be as follows :

Whole number, - - - - 56

Necessary to a choice, - - - 29

Past Grand Patriarch Wm. Ellison had 43 votes, and was declared elected First Grand Representative.

*For Second Grand Representative.*

Whole number of votes, - - - 48

Necessary to a choice, - - - 25

Past Grand M. E. High Priest N. A. Thompson had 27 votes, and was declared elected Second Grand Representative.

On motion, the vote of adjournment was reconsidered, and the Rules of Order suspended, for the purpose of receiving and referring Petitions.

The following Petitions were then presented :

From Patriarchs in Nantucket, for an Encampment to be known and hailed as ——— *Encampment, No. 16.*

From Patriarchs in Lowell, for an Encampment to be known and hailed as *Lowell Encampment, No. 17.*

From Hingham, for an Encampment to be located in that town, to be known and hailed by the name of *Wompatuck Encampment, No. 18.*

From North Attleboro', for an Encampment to be located in that town, to be known and hailed as *Howard Encampment, No. 19.*

From Milford, for an Encampment to be located in that town, to be known and hailed as ——— *Encampment, No. 20.*

From Pittsfield, for an Encampment to be located in that town, to be known and hailed as *Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21.*

From Cambridge, for an Encampment to be located in the

City of Cambridge, to be known and hailed as *Charles River Encampment, No. 22.*

From Chelsea, for an Encampment to be located in that town, to be known and hailed by the title of *Samaritan Encampment, No. 23.*

From Fall River, for an Encampment to be located in that town, to be known and hailed as *Metacomet Encampment, No. 24.*

From North Stoughton, for an Encampment to be located in that town, to be known and hailed as *Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 25.*

On motion of Patriarch Davis, it was

*Voted*, To refer each Petition to a Committee of Two.

On motion, Patriarchs Barr, Hill and Case, were appointed a Committee to nominate Committees on each Petition.

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

The Committee chosen for the purpose of dividing such parts of the M. W. G. P.'s communication as was necessary, report :—

1st. That so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to initiating members whose place of residence is nearer any other Encampment, should be referred to a Committee of Three.

2nd. That so much as relates to the safe keeping of the Books and Papers of the Grand Encampment, be referred to a Committee of Three.

H. PRINCE,  
J. NEWMARCH.  
B. RAYNOLDS,  
CHARLES POOR.  
C. H. WHITE.

The Chair appointed on the 1st division, relating to Initiations, &c.—Patriarchs Mullin, Mudge and W. T. Davis.

On the 2d division, relating to the Property of the Grand Encampment—Patriarchs Beard, Wells, and W. H. Jones.

The Committee appointed to nominate Committees on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

On the Petition from Nantucket, —

Patriarchs Ingraham and C. H. White.

“ “ “ Lowell,

Patriarchs H. Prince and Robbins.

“ “ “ Hingham,

Patriarchs Breed and T. H. Lord.

“ “ “ Attleboro',

Patriarchs Ladd and J. M. Cooke.

“ “ “ Milford,

Patriarchs Oliver and W. T. Davis.

“ “ “ Fall River,

Patriarchs Tisdale and Drinkwater.

“ “ “ Pittsfield,

Patriarchs Wells and Thurston.

“ “ “ Cambridge,

Patriarchs Cole and I. Allen.

“ “ “ Chelsea,

Patriarchs Culbertson and Vaughton.

“ “ “ North Stoughton,

Patriarchs B. H. Davis and Reynolds.

On motion,

*Voted*, That the Grand Encampment now adjourn, to meet again at half past 8 o'clock, P. M.

## EVENING SESSION.

8½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the petition from Lowell, submitted the

following Report, which was accepted, and Resolution, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Patriarchs of Lowell, praying for an Encampment in that city, beg leave respectfully to report, to wit :—

They have examined the petition, and find the names of ten Patriarchs attached thereto ; also, the names of fifty-eight scarlet members appended to the petition, praying that the same may be favorably received, that they may attach themselves thereto.

Your Committee would further represent that no Cards accompany the petition, but are assured by the petitioners that they are prepared to comply with all requirements when called upon. They would therefore recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That when the Patriarchs, petitioning for an Encampment to be located in the city of Lowell, comply with all constitutional requirements, the Officers of this Grand Encampment be instructed to grant said petition and carry it into effect.

H. PRINCE,  
ROB'T L. ROBBINS.

The Committee on the Petition from the City of Cambridge, submitted the following report :

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment.*

The Committee upon the petition for an Encampment at Cambridgeport, respectfully report :

That the petition presented is in due form. That it is accompanied with the cards of seven members of the R. P. Degree, as petitioners ; and with a pledge of fifteen members of the R. P. Degree, independent of the petitioners ; together with forty members of the Scarlet Degree, that “ they will become members of said Encampment at the earliest possible period.”

The members thus disposed toward a new Encampment in Cambridge, are mainly from the New-England, Friendship, and Mount Auburn Lodges ; and they have been heard, as well as some of the members of Monotomy Encampment, by your Committee.

Your Committee were desirous of making some satisfactory arrange-

ment between the Monotomy Encampment and the one petitioned for ; but from statements before your Committee, they believe such arrangement entirely impossible.

In the three Lodges named there are about four hundred members ; and out of this number but very few have united with Monotomy Encampment, and no disposition seems to exist for further union.

Under these facts, to wit, that the Monotomy Encampment cannot be materially injured, but that the brethren of the Lodges in the City of Cambridge may be greatly accommodated, by the granting of said petition, your Committee recommend that it be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COLE,  
IRA ALLEN.

*Encampment Hall, Aug. 5, 1846.*

*Voted, To accept the report and adopt the recommendation.*

The Committee on the petition from Attleboro', submitted the following report and resolution : —

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, *Aug. 5, 1846.*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph E. Pierce and six others, members of the R. P. Degree, for Charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs to be located at Attleboro', in the County of Bristol, to be hailed as Howard Encampment, No. 19 — together with the memorial in aid of the same, signed by fifty members of the Order, of the Scarlet Degree, pledging themselves to apply for membership in said Encampment, if instituted, ask leave to report :

That they have considered the subject referred to them, and find that all said petitioners have regular cards of clearance, and that the location proposed is sixteen or seventeen miles from any Encampment. Your Committee recommend the following Resolution :

That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

J. S. LADD, *Chairman.*

*Voted, To accept the report and adopt the resolution.*

The Committee on the Petition from Nantucket submitted the following Report : —



*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of several Patriarchs belonging in Nantucket, for an Encampment to be located at that place, have attended to their duty, and would respectfully report :

That it appears by that Petition, that the Lodge in Nantucket consists of one hundred and nine members, of whom about seventy have attained the Scarlet Degree ; that there is no Encampment within sixty miles. There are thirteen petitioners, and the Petition is accompanied by ten Cards in proper form.

Your Committee, after a full investigation of the case, would respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners.

T. INGRAHAM,  
C. H. WHITE.

*Voted, To accept the Report and grant the Charter.*

The Committee on the Petition from Hingham, submitted the following Report : —

*To the R. W. Officers of the Grand Encampment.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Brothers in Hingham, for an Encampment to be located in that town, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report :

That they find the petition and accompanying documents correct, and after due consideration of the subject, they believe the interests of the Order would be advanced by granting the request of the petitioners.

They therefore recommend that a Charter be granted to the Hingham petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BREED,  
THOMAS H. LORD.

*Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the recommendation.*

The Committee on the Petition from Milford, submitted the following Report : —

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for an Encampment to be located in Milford, have attended to their duty, and would recommend :

That a Charter be granted

F. P. OLIVER,  
W. T. DAVIS.

*Voted*, To accept the Report and grant the Charter.

The Committee on the Petition from Fall River, submitted the following Report : —

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas T. Potter and six others, Patriarchs, praying for an Encampment to be located at Fall River, would report :

That they consider it advisable to grant their request, provided that fifty scarlet members deposit, each, the amount of his initiation fee with Robert C. Brown, within thirty days from this date.

G. L. DRINKWATER,  
E. DAWES TISDALE.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

*Voted*, That the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

The Committee on the Petition from Chelsea, submitted the following Report : —

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eben. Frances and eight others, for an Encampment to be located in Chelsea, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report :

That they have examined the Petition, and Cards accompanying it, and also an Obligation, signed by fifty scarlet members of the Order, to become members of an Encampment, should one be located in said town.

In consideration of the high standing of the petitioners, and also the large number and high standing of the Brothers who have obligated themselves to become members, — the favorable location for an

Encampment, and the increasing prosperity of the town, your Committee would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted, by

N. Y. CULBERTSON,  
JOHN VAUGHTON.

*Voted*, To accept the Report and grant the Prayer of the petitioners.

The Committee on the Petition from Pittsfield, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted : —

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for a Charter for an Encampment at Pittsfield to be hailed by the name of Grey-Lock Encampment, have attended to that service, and beg leave to report :

That they find the Petition signed by nine Patriarchs of the R. P. Degree, who have also presented their cards of clearance from Mount Holyoke Encampment, and Union Encampment at Hudson, N. Y.

That the petitioners reside from forty to sixty miles from any Encampment within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment.

That in addition to the petitioners, sixty-two Brothers of the Scarlet Degree have pledged themselves to unite with Grey-Lock Encampment, if a charter is granted.

Your Committee are unanimously of opinion that a charter should be granted upon said Petition.

SAMUEL WELLS,  
DANIEL C. THURSTON.

*Aug. 5, 1846.*

Bro. B. H. Davis, from the Committee on the Petition from North Stoughton, reported verbally, that the Committee could not agree upon a Report, and recommended that a new Committee be appointed to consider the subject.

A motion was made to indefinitely postpone the subject, which was lost.

Moved, that the subject of the Petition be referred to a Committee of Three. Carried.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Patriarchs Cole, McClellan and Dennis.

On motion of Patriarch W. H. Jones, it was

*Voted*, That when the Grand Encampment adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the 30th day of September next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Patriarch Beard submitted the following Report in relation to matters of grievance between Tri-Mount Encampment and Patriarchs Guild and Pollard, which was accepted : —

*To the Grand Encampment of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
I. O. of O. F.*

Your Committee appointed to hear and report upon the alleged grievances of Massasoit Encampment and Tri-mount Encampment and Patriarchs Pollard and Guild, have attended to their duty — having first duly notified the parties, and all of the parties were represented before them.

Your Committee are of opinion that said Tri-mount Encampment were in fault in adopting the Report of their Committee on Leakage, inasmuch as said Report is, in form, somewhat uncourteous. A definite accusation is contained in it ; whereas the Committee should have reported only the facts stated in the last part thereof, without an accusation. And, on the other hand, your Committee are of opinion that the Resolutions of Massasoit Encampment are obnoxious in spirit and substance, being uncourteous and unbrotherly. Your Committee would therefore recommend, that all the proceedings of both Encampments in relation to the above named subjects, be expunged from their records, and that the Report of the Committee on Leakage, of Tri-mount Encampment, be so amended, that it shall be a mere statement of what Brother Mitchell stated to the Committee, without containing any direct accusation on their part against Patriarchs Guild and Pollard.

And your Committee would further recommend, that said Report, after being so amended, be sent by said Tri-mount Encampment to said Massasoit Encampment, without placing said Report, in full, on record.

And your Committee would further recommend, that said Massasoit Encampment, upon the receipt of said Report, request said Tri-mount Encampment to appoint, with them, a Joint Committee to investigate the matters therein contained, and that such a Committee be appointed and that the matter be so investigated.

And your Committee would beg leave to express the hope, that the course herein recommended shall be pursued by the parties, and thereby a more brotherly state of feeling grow up between the two Encampments; that henceforth they may be governed and actuated by no other than the holy principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

ITHAMER W. BEARD.  
B. H. DAVIS,  
N. Y. CULBERTSON.

On motion, it was

*Voted*, To adopt all the recommendations of the Committee, with the exception of the following :—

“And your Committee would further recommend, that said Massasoit Encampment, upon the receipt of said Report, request said Tri-mount Encampment to appoint, with them, a Joint Committee to investigate the matters therein contained, and that such a Committee be appointed and that the matter be so investigated.”

The Committee to whom was referred the first division of the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following Report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as refers to the Initiation of Brothers whose residence is nearer any other Encampment, would respectfully report :

That they adopt the language of the Grand Patriarch :—“ We feel convinced of the necessity of repealing this resolution, as we believe it contrary to the genius of our Association to compel brethren to join an Encampment whose meetings it is almost impossible for them to attend, or whose feelings and preferences are in favor of some other Encampment under the same jurisdiction ;” and would offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the vote passed by this Grand Encampment, pro-

hibiting Encampments to initiate brothers whose residence is nearer any other Encampment, be, and is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. MULLIN,  
ALFRED MUDGE,  
W. T. DAVIS.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

Moved, to adopt the Resolution.

Moved, to lay it on the table. Motion lost.

*Voted*, To adopt the Resolution.

Patriarch Frost submitted the following resolution, which was adopted : —

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Encampment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to use all the efforts in their power to procure an alteration in the Regulations of the Order, so that the requirements for eligibility for the V. G.'s chair in the subordinate Lodges shall be : that the candidate shall have been exalted to the R. P. Degree, and the candidates for C. P. and H. P. in the subordinate Encampments shall be a P. G. of some subordinate Lodge under the same jurisdiction.

Patriarch Case submitted the following resolution, which was, on motion, indefinitely postponed : —

*Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment direct the Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampments to pay to the order of Wachusett Encampment, the fees (after deducting the percentage paid Grand Camp) received by said Camps for the Patriarchal Degrees conferred on brothers residing at Greenfield, Northampton and Springfield, after the institution of said Wachusett Encampment.

The following resolution was offered, and referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws : —

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of every Encampment, before electing to membership any brother out of the town in which it is located, to ascertain whether the candidate

resides nearer any other Encampment than its own; and if such is the case, they shall, before electing such brother to membership, obtain evidence from the Encampment, under the seal thereof, nearest his place of residence, that he is a suitable person to become connected with the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

On motion, it was

*Voted* to proceed to the installation of the Officers elect. And the several Grand Officers having been presented by P. C. P. John McClellan, Acting Grand Junior Warden, were duly installed into their respective Chairs by P. G. Patriarch Albert Case, viz.:

P. H. P. ITHAMER W. BEARD,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
P. C. P. B. H. DAVIS,	<i>Grand M. E. High Priest.</i>
P. H. P. SAMUEL WELLS,	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
P. H. P. WM. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
P. H. P. JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
P. C. P. GEORGE NORTON,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>

On motion, the sum of four dollars was voted to Patriarch Morse, for his services as O. Guardian.

*Voted*, That this Grand Encampment now adjourn until Wednesday, the 30th day of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Attest :

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

*Abstract from the Report of the R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F. to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year commencing July 1, 1845, and ending June 30, 1846.*

Initiations,.....	536
Rejections,.....	13
Admitted by Card,.....	66
Withdrawn by Card,.....	43
Reinstated,.....	3
Suspended,.....	7
Expelled,.....	1
Deaths,.....	4
Past Chief Patriarchs,.....	41
Past H. Priests,.....	34
Contributing Members,.....	1268
Revenue,.....	\$9411 86

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**RELIEF REPORT.**

Number of Patriarchs relieved,.....	161
“ “ “ buried,.....	4
Amount paid for relief of Patriarchs,.....	\$2210 37
“ “ “ burying the Dead,.....	\$90 00
Total amount of Relief,.....	\$2300 37



**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the term ending June 30, 1846.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Pat's Sus'd and cause.	Pat's Exp'd and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	No. contr'g members.	Amount of receipts.	Pr due Grand Encampment.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	31	25	4	3	4	..	*8	..	..	105	256	\$768	\$38 20
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do.	do.	45	45	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	180	234	850	55 50
Menotomy, . . .	3	W. Cambridge,	Middlesex,	9	9	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	36	47	174	10 80
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	do.	14	17	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	53	117	348	16 80
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	13	13	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	52	121	295	15 60
Mt. Washington,	6	S. Boston,	Suffolk,	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	36	72	215	10 80
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	3	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	8	47	87	3 60
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	6	6	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	24	36	179	7 70
Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	Middlesex,	11	11	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	44	52	176	13 20
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	11	11	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	44	47	199	13 20
Nahant, . . .	11	Lynn,	Essex,	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	32	105	7 20
Shalom, . . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	8	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	59	209	9 60
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	12	11	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	47	46	203	15 40
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	41	41	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	114	48	522	49 20
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	46	46	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	138	54	588	55 20
Total, . . .	15			265	258	7	22	34	..	10	..	3	935	1268	4,923	302 00

\* One (P. C. Kittredge, suspended in Concord Lodge, No. 50,) and 7 for non-payment of dues.

*NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.*

Number.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1	David Ayers,	Samuel Prince,	John Binney,	H. K. Moore,	J. F. Locke,	R. M. Baker.
2	J. H. Hathorne,	E. M. P. Wells,	Horace Williams,	Edwin Brown,	Eben. Seaver,	W. A. Bell.
3	R. W. Newton,	Addison Hill,	John B. Cook,	Leonard Lyon,	Thos. J. Leland,	Albert W. Bryant.
4	Seth C. Ames,	Joshua Merrill,	John Reed,	J. O. M. Ladd,	L. A. Cutler,	J. E. Farnsworth.
5	Nahum Chapin,	Wm. W. Pierce,	H. P. Fairbanks,	Caleb Rand,	George Fuller,	Elbridge Brown.
6	Sam. Newmarch,	Win. A. Butters,	Charles Smith,	J. Stearns,	Thomas Hill, jr.,	M. L. Capen.
7	C. R. Sargent,	Dexter Dana,	Benj. F. Bartlett,	Amos F. Jaques,	Edwin Burrill,	Enoch Gerrish.
8	Timo. Ingraham,	Isaac C. Tabor,	Hiram Webb,	John Fuller,	Ed. R. Anthony,	Geo. A. Bourne.
9	Francis J. Tay,	W. H. Richardson,	Amos Hutchins,	Lewis Fisher, jr.,	W. H. Nichols,	Edward Robinson.
10	G. A. Hamilton,	G. C. Taft, [jr.	G. H. Goodnow,	H. Darbey.	W. C. Barbour,	Leonard Pool.
11	Albourn Oliver,	Edward Carroll,	Daniel C. Baker,	James Williams,	Joseph Edwards,	Asa Warren.
12	James Anderson,	J. St. C. Wilson,	W. Webb,	Jos. Cracklin,	J. Byron,	T. W. Capen.
13	Franklin Grant,	Wm. Saunders, jr.	B. S. Boardman,	Robert B. Clough,	T. Melzeard, jr.,	J. C. Howard.
14	E. A. Morse,	C. Foster,	Lawson Blood,	James W. Earl,	Chas. H. Stephens,	Joseph Swazey.
15	D. W. Alvord,	A. S. Peck,	A. H. Bullen,	C. R. Hawks,	L. J. Washburn,	R. Cheney.

**ANNUAL REPORT of the R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing July 1, 1845, and ending June 30, 1846.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	Time of meeting.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and cause.	Expulsions, and cause.	Deaths.	P. C. Pats.	P. H. Priests.	Contributing Patriarchs.	Revenue.	Names of Past Grand Patriarchs.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	1st and 3d Friday,	47	6	3	5	3	..	+1	..	9	5	256	\$1,289 06	Daniel Hersey,
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do.	2d and 4th "	66	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	5	234	1,328 42	Hezekiah Prince,
Menotomy, . . .	3	W. Cambridge,	" "	9	..	..	3	..	\$2	..	1	5	4	47	234 25	William Ellison.
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	" " Thursday,	17	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	5	2	117	521 28	
Bunker Hill, . . .	5	Charlestown,	1st and 3d Wed'day,	29	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	6	6	121	622 96	
Mt. Washington,	6	S. Boston,	2d and 4th Thursday,	17	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	3	72	407 66	
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	" " Monday,	14	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	2	1	36	280 57	
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	" " Friday,	44	..	10	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	52	722 00	
Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	" " "	48	..	7	7	..	..	..	..	2	2	47	643 45	
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	1st and 3d "	40	1	9	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	32	564 70	
Nahant, . . .	11	Lynn,	" " Thursday,	29	..	..	4	..	*2	..	..	1	1	59	410 10	
Shâlôm, . . .	12	Roxbury,	" " Friday,	50	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	46	742 25	
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	2d and 4th Thursday,	39	..	9	1	..	+1	..	..	2	2	48	535 15	
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	1st and 3d Friday,	41	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	522 00	
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	1st and 3d Thursday,	46	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	588 01	
				536	13	66	43	3	7	1	4	41	34	1268	9,411 86	

\* Alfred A. Pratt, and Benjamin P. Chase, cause suspended in Subordinate Lodges for dissipation and dishonesty.

† W. O. Davis, expelled from Massachusetts Lodge.

‡ Hosea Jewell and Elbridge Tufts, "dishonesty."

§ W. C. Johnson, "immoral conduct."

**ANNUAL REPORT of Relief of the Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand  
Encampment of the State of Massachusetts I. O. O. F., showing the Relief for the year commencing July  
1, 1845, and ending June 30, 1846.**

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ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	No. Patriarchs relieved.	No. widowed families relieved.	No. Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for relief of families.	Amount paid for educating orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total amount.
Massasoit, . . . . .	1	28	...	...	\$370 50	...	...	...	\$370 50
Tri-Mount, . . . . .	2	28	...	...	638 00	...	...	...	638 00
Menotomy, . . . . .	3	10	...	1	100 00	...	...	20 00	120 00
Monamake, . . . . .	4	25	...	1	266 54	...	...	20 00	286 54
Bunker Hill, . . . . .	5	16	...	1	204 12	...	...	20 00	224 12
Mt. Washington, . . . . .	6	10	...	1	144 85	...	...	30 00	174 85
Merrimack, . . . . .	7	6	...	...	57 00	...	...	...	57 00
Annawan, . . . . .	8	4	...	...	38 00	...	...	...	38 00
Middlesex, . . . . .	9	6	...	...	69 00	...	...	...	69 00
Wachusett, . . . . .	10	9	...	...	96 36	...	...	...	96 36
Nahant, . . . . .	11	7	...	...	73 00	...	...	...	73 00
Shalóm, . . . . .	12	7	...	...	129 00	...	...	...	129 00
Naumkeag, . . . . .	13	4	...	...	15 00	...	...	...	15 00
Naomi, . . . . .	14	1	...	...	9 00	...	...	...	9 00
Mt. Holyoke, . . . . .	15	..	...	...	....	...	...	...	....
	161	4			\$2210 37			\$90 00	\$2300 37

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ADJOURNED ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
HELD AT THE CITY OF BOSTON, SEPT. 30, 1846.

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OASIS HALL, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present,—

ITHAMAR W. BEARD,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
B. H. DAVIS,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
SAMUEL WELLS,	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
W. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
GEORGE NORTON,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
WILLIAM ELLISON,	<i>Grand Representative.</i>

And a representation from the Encampments under this jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the M. E. High Priest.

*Voted*, That the reading of the proceedings of the last session be dispensed with.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Patriarch J. B. Frost, jr., Grand Sentinel, who, after having been duly qualified, entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Patriarch McClellan, the Rules of Order were suspended for the purpose of allowing him to offer a resolution ; when the following was submitted and unanimously adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to Past Grand Patriarch William Ellison, for the faithful and impartial manner in which he has presided over this Grand Encampment the past year.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to the subject, submitted the following :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F. :*

The undersigned, a Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to procuring an office and providing for the safe keeping of the books and other property of the Grand Encampment, respectfully submit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Officers be instructed and authorized to hire a suitable room for an office; and purchase a Safe and such furniture as they may deem expedient, for the use of this Grand Encampment.

ITHAMAR W. BEARD,  
WM. H. JONES,  
SAMUEL WELLS.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Charter asked for further time to report, which was granted.

The Committee on the petition for an Encampment at N. Stoughton asked for further time, which was granted.

The Committee appointed at the Special Session, in February, 1846, to amend and revise the Constitution and By-

Laws for this Grand Encampment, gave notice that they were ready to report.

On motion, To read and act upon the Constitution and By-Laws, doubts were expressed as to the constitutional right of this Grand Encampment to act upon them at this session. The Grand Patriarch having been called upon to decide the question gave his opinion, as follows :—

“That inasmuch as the notice required by the Constitution had been given to the Subordinate Encampments, that the Grand Encampment intended at this meeting to *revise* the Constitution, it was constitutional to proceed without other notice, as a notice of an intention to revise was in effect a notice of an intention ‘to annul’ within the meaning of the Constitution.”

It was then

*Voted*, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws be read by the Committee.

*Voted* to suspend the reading for the purpose of appointing a time to ballot for Past Officers of Subordinates and admit those elected, and instruct them in the G. E. Degree.

*Voted*, That the time be fixed at 12 M.

P. G. Patriarch Ellison, from the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, submitted their Report, which was accepted.

On motion, it was

*Voted*, That each article and section of the Constitution and By-Laws be acted upon separately.

Whereupon the Grand Encampment proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendments, which were adopted with the exception of Section 1 of Article 5, and Section 3 and 4 of Article 6, and the form of certificate, which were postponed for consideration until the afternoon session.



The Committee to whom was referred the petition from N. Stoughton submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment :*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Elisha Page and eight others, for a charter for an Encampment at Stoughton, respectfully report : That your Committee have examined the petition and cards of the petitioners, and find them to be correct. On inquiry and a reference to the Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, your Committee learn that in Stoughton, and in towns varying from two to seven miles from Stoughton, there are six Lodges, containing 309 members, 182 of whom have attained to the Scarlet Degree; that the nearest Encampment to Stoughton is 17 miles distant, and that said petition is accompanied by the pledge of 37 members of the Scarlet Degree, independent of the petitioners, to unite with said Encampment, should a charter be granted. These facts your Committee respectfully report, and submit the action on the said petition to this Grand Encampment.

RAYMOND COLE,  
JOHN McCLELLAN.

*Voted,* That action on the petition be postponed until the afternoon.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed Patriarchs Cole, Mullin, and Norton the Committee on Finance.

*Voted,* That the Grand Encampment adjourn at 12½ o'clock, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, it was

*Voted,* That the first business of the afternoon session shall be to receive instruction in the work of the Order, from Grand Representative Ellison.

The Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws, to whom was referred the following resolution, reported " that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject."

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of every Encampment, before electing to membership any brother out of the town in which it is located, to ascertain whether the candidate resides nearer any other Encampment than its own; and if such is the case, they shall, before electing such brother to membership, obtain evidence from the Encampment, under the seal thereof, nearest his place of residence, that he is a suitable person to become connected with the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

On motion, the Report was accepted and adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Patriarch Welch, was, on motion, laid upon the table until the afternoon.

*Resolved*, That the travelling and other necessary expenses of all the elective officers attending the session of this Grand Encampment, whose residence is more than five miles from the City of Boston, be paid by this Grand Encampment.

Patriarch McLeish submitted an amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Encampment which was ordered to lie on the table until the afternoon session.

The hour having arrived for balloting for candidates for membership in this Grand Encampment, P. C. P. Augustus L. Barrett and P. H. P. Joseph H. Waitt, of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, were ballotted for, admitted, and instructed in the G. E. Degree.

At 12½ o'clock the Grand Encampment adjourned.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A communication received from the Tri-Mount Encampment, notifying this Grand Encampment of the suspension of

P. H. P. Samuel Trull, for non-payment of dues, was read and ordered on file.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and ordered on file.

The Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and find their Reports correct. The following is a statement of the present financial condition of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Scribe had on hand August 4, 1846, - - - \$ 87 05  
The Treasurer, - - - - - 411 38

Due the Grand Encampment from

Massasoit, No. 1, - - - - -	\$20 20
Menotomy, No. 3, - - - - -	10 80
Mt. Washington, No. 6, - - - - -	21 52
Annawan, No. 8, - - - - -	16 00
Middlesex, No. 9, - - - - -	6 75
Wachusett, No. 10, - - - - -	6 19
Nahant, No. 11, - - - - -	93 12
Shâlôm, No. 12, - - - - -	4 00
Naumkeag, No. 13, - - - - -	3 00
Mt. Holyoke, No. 15, - - - - -	2 00
	<hr/> 183 58

Due G. Encampment and in hands of Secretary and Treasurer, \$632 01

Respectfully submitted,

E. TYLER,

ROBERT L. ROBBINS.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Grand Treasurer would beg leave to report that the whole amount of money paid into his hands the past year,

was - - - - -	\$1,347 04
Cash paid as per bills, - - - - -	935 66
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Balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - - -	411 38

Respectfully submitted,

J. NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer.*

*Boston, August 4, 1846.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

*Grand Scribe's Report.*

DR.	WM. H. JONES, Grand Scribe, in account with the		
	Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.		
1846.	Feb. 3.	To balance on hand, - - - -	\$117 10
	Aug. 4.	To cash received from Feb. 3d to date, -	332 42
			<u>449 52</u>
CR.	1846.	By paid Grand Treasurer, - -	\$325 00
		By paid expenses attending in-	
		stallation of officers of Sub. En-	
		campments, - - - -	24 33
		By paid sundry expenses pertain-	
		ing to his office, - - - -	4 51
	Aug. 4.	By paid salary, - - - -	50 00
		Balance on hand to new account,	45 68
			<u>\$149 52</u>
DR.			
1846.	Aug. 4.	To cash on hand, - - - -	\$45 68
		To cash of Tri-Mount Encamp.,	91 37
			<u>137 05</u>
CR.		By paid Grand Treasurer, -	100 00
	Aug. 4.	Balance on hand, - - - -	37 05
			<u>37 05</u>

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

*Boston, August 4, 1846.*

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed the District D. G. Patriarchs.\*

The Grand Scribe, from the Committee on Charter, submitted a form and printed copy of a charter for Subordinate Encampments, which was accepted and adopted.

Grand Representative Ellison reported upon the proceed-

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\* See list of D. D. G. Patriarchs and Districts at end of Proceedings.

ings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, and instructed the members of the Grand Encampment in the work of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

On motion of G. H. P. Davis, "That one of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Encampment be instructed to visit the Subordinate Encampments, and instruct them in the work of the Order," it was decided in the negative.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, which were ordered on the table at the morning session, were then acted upon, and the following Constitution and By-Laws, as amended were adopted by a unanimous vote.\*

The petition for an Encampment, to be located in North Stoughton, to be known and hailed as MOUNT HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 24, was then acted upon; and on motion, it was

*Voted* to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The resolution offered by Patriarch Welch, at the morning session, in relation to the payment of the travelling and necessary expenses of the elective officers, &c., was taken from the table, acted upon, and indefinitely postponed.

Petition presented and read for an Encampment, to be located in Springfield, to be known and hailed as ———— Encampment, No. 25, referred to Patriarchs Mullin, Waitt, and Strong.

On motion of Patriarch White, it was

*Voted*, That the salary of the Grand Scribe, fixed by the Constitution, adopted this day, shall commence from the August Session, 1846.

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\* For Constitution and By-Laws see page 39.

On motion of Patriarch Smith, it was

*Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to procure five hundred copies of the Revised Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Encampment, in addition to those printed with the Proceedings of this Session.

On motion, the Grand Scribe was appointed the Committee.

On motion, P. G. Patriarch Ellison and Patriarch Smith were added to the Committee.

The Committee to which was referred the petition of Patriarchs for an Encampment, to be located in Springfield, reported in favor of granting a charter.

*Voted* to accept the Report and grant the charter.

On motion of Patriarch Mudge, it was

*Voted*, That should the Tri-Mount Encampment make application, this Grand Encampment shall loan them such an amount of money as can be spared from its funds.

On motion of Brother Frost, it was

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be tendered to our Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the faithful and able manner in which they have discharged their duties.

On motion, it was

*Voted*, That the sum of four dollars be paid Patriarch Frost for his services as Sentinel.

On motion, at 4½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe*.

**Districts, and District D. G. Patriarchs of Encampments  
under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Encampment of  
Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.**

No. of District.	Name of Encampment.	No. of Encampment.	Location.	D. D. G. Patriarchs.
1	Massasoit, Tri-Mount,	1 2	Boston, “	} Raymond Cole.
2	Merrimack,	7	Newburyport,	Ebenezer S. Stearns.
3	Menotomy,	3	West Cambridge,	C. H. White.
4	Bunker Hill, Samaritan,	5 23	Charlestown, Chelsea,	} N. Y. Culbertson.
5	Shâlôm,	12	Roxbury,	Daniel Leach.
6	Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Charles Sampson.
7	Middlesex,	9	Malden,	Augustus L. Barrett.
8	Annawan, Naomi, Wanackmamack,	8 14 16	New Bedford, Taunton, Nantucket,	} Timothy Ingraham.
9	Wachusett,	10	Worcester,	F. P. Oliver.
10	Nahant, Naumkeag,	11 13	Lynn, Salem,	} F. Williams.
11	Mt. Holyoke,	15	Northampton,	W. T. Davis.
12	Howard, Quinshepaug,	19 20	Attleboro', Milford,	} B. H. Davis.
13	Charles River,	22	Cambridge,	Justin Jones.
14	Grey Lock,	21	Pittsfield,	Officers of G. Encpt.
15	Wompatuck,	18	Hingham,	George Norton.
16	Monomake, Lowell,	4 17	Lowell, “	} Officers of R. W. } G. Encampment.

# CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND RULES

OF THE

R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF PATRIARCHS,

OF THE

**J. O. of O. F. of the State of Massachusetts.**

(Revised and corrected at the August Session, 1846.)

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## CONSTITUTION.

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### ARTICLE I.

*Title and Powers.*—THE R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF PATRIARCHS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS is the Supreme Tribunal of all the Encampments of Patriarchs in said State. It possesses, by virtue of its charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, the full power of granting charters to Encampments, and of suspending and taking away the same for proper cause; to pass laws for the regulation and working of Subordinate Encampments; to receive, hear, and decide finally all appeals from them or their members; redress grievances and complaints arising therein; and to do all other acts promotive of the inter-



est of Patriarchs of the Order, not in derogation of the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, or of the United States.

## ARTICLE II.

**SECTION 1. *Membership.***—The Grand Encampment shall be composed of the Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests in membership in the Encampments subordinate to this Grand Encampment, who have been duly and regularly elected as Representatives of their respective Encampments, in conformity with this Constitution, and who shall receive the G. E. Degree before taking their seats as members.

**SEC. 2. *Representatives.***—Representatives shall be elected by their respective subordinates, at any regular session in July, to serve for one year; and they may also elect additional Representatives, at any regular session in January, to serve for the remainder of the year.

**SEC. 3. *Proxies.***—Subordinate Encampments, not having qualified Past Officers to serve as Representatives, may choose in the same manner, and for the same term, or for a less term, two qualified Past Officers of another Encampment as Proxy Representatives, who shall be invested with full powers as Representatives of the Subordinate so choosing, for the time being; and no member shall act as Representative and Proxy Representative at the same time; nor shall any act as Proxy for more than *one* Subordinate at the same time.

**SEC. 4.—*Liability for Improper Conduct.***—Any member of this Grand Encampment may, by a vote of the Grand En-

campment, be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, for conduct unbecoming a Patriarch.

### ARTICLE III.

**SECTION 1. *Elective and Appointed Officers.***—The Elective Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment shall be a  
 Grand Patriarch,  
 Grand High Priest,  
 Grand Senior Warden,  
 Grand Scribe,  
 Grand Treasurer,  
 Grand Junior Warden.

And the Appointed Officers shall consist of  
 Grand Sentinel,  
 Deputy Grand Sentinel,  
 and such others as the By-Laws may require.

**SEC. 2. *Election of Officers.***—The Elective Grand Officers shall be elected, annually, by ballot. The election and installation shall take place at the Regular Annual Session.

**SEC. 3. *Nomination of Candidates.***—On the day of election each Representative shall deposit a ballot for a candidate for the office to be filled;—the ballots shall then be counted, and the three brothers having the highest number of ballots shall be the candidates.

**SEC. 4. *Mode of Election.***—All Elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the valid votes given. If neither candidate has such a majority, the balloting shall be continued, but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot.

**SEC. 5. *Mode of Balloting.***—In balloting, the Grand Scribe shall call the roll, beginning with Past Grand Patriarchs by seniority, officers elect in rotation, Encampment No. 1, and continue in the order of Encampments successively. Each Representative shall deposit his vote when the name of his Encampment is called; and, should there be more ballots than voters, the balloting shall be void, and a new one shall be had.

**SEC. 6. *Qualification for Office.***—Any Patriarch who has received the Grand Encampment Degree in any State Grand Encampment, and who is a member of a Subordinate Encampment, within this jurisdiction, shall be eligible for any office in this Grand Encampment.

**SEC. 7. *Vacancies.***—Any vacancies occurring in the Grand Offices, shall be filled at the next Regular Session of the Encampment, for the residue of the term.

## ARTICLE IV.

**SECTION 1. *Duties of Grand Patriarch.***—The Grand Patriarch shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Encampment; he shall preserve order; he shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Encampment. He shall appoint all D. D. Grand Patriarchs under this jurisdiction, and may appoint any Grand Officer *pro tem.*, in case of the absence or disqualification of the regular Grand Officer; he may order Special Sessions of the Grand Encampment whenever he may deem proper; and it shall be his duty to call such sessions when requested by seven members of the Grand Encampment; he shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Encampment; he shall in all cases, except on an appeal from his own decision, give the casting vote when the En-

campment is equally divided. In cases of emergency, he may grant dispensations to Subordinate Encampments in all such matters as he may deem promotive of the interest of the Order, not inconsistent with the usages thereof; and it shall be his duty to make a Semi-Annual Report to the Grand Encampment of the state of the Order under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. *Duties of Grand High Priest.*—The Grand High Priest shall preside and act in the absence of the Grand Patriarch. In case of the office of Grand Patriarch becoming vacant by any cause, he shall have the full powers of Grand Patriarch until the next regular session. It shall be his duty to perform according to his office, at the installation of the Grand Officers.

SEC. 3. *Duties of Grand Senior Warden.*—The Grand Senior Warden shall assist the Grand Patriarch in presiding and preserving order. And in the absence of the Grand Patriarch and High Priest, he shall preside.

SEC. 4. *Duties of Grand Scribe.*—The Grand Scribe shall attend all regular and special sessions of the Grand Encampment, and record the proceedings; he shall notify the Subordinates of all regular and special sessions; he shall prepare all charters granted for Subordinate Encampments; and perform such other duties as may be required by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment; and shall also keep accounts between this Body and the Subordinate Encampments, and receive all monies due this Grand Encampment, and pay the same immediately to the Grand Treasurer; and for the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

**SEC. 5. Duties of Grand Treasurer.**—The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all funds belonging to the Grand Encampment, and pay all orders passed by the Grand Encampment, when properly attested; he shall make a report of the receipts and expenditures semi-annually, and submit his books and accounts for examination, whenever required; he shall give a bond to the amount of Two Thousand Dollars, with security, to the two first named Grand Officers for the faithful discharge of his duties.

**SEC. 6. Duties of Grand Junior Warden.**—The Grand Junior Warden shall open and close the Grand Encampment according to his office; and he shall introduce candidates on their election to membership into the Grand Encampment.

**SEC. 7. Duties of Grand and Deputy Grand Sentinels.**—The Grand Sentinel shall have charge of the inner entrance to the Grand Encampment, and permit none to enter or depart without the proper formalities. The Deputy Grand Sentinel shall have charge of the outer entrance, and assist the Grand Sentinel in the performance of his duties.

## ARTICLE V.

**SECTION 1. Sessions.**—There shall be two Regular Sessions of the Grand Encampment annually: The first shall be held on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in August, and be styled the *Regular Annual Session*; the other shall be held on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in February, and be styled the *Regular Semi-Annual Session*; and all sessions of the Grand Encampment shall be held in the City of Boston.

**SEC. 2. Special Sessions.**—At all Special Sessions the object of the session shall be stated in the notice calling the same; and no other business shall be transacted at said session.

**SEC. 3. *Adjournment.***—The Grand Encampment may adjourn from time to time, until the business of any session is completed.

## ARTICLE VI.

**SECTION 1. *Petitions.***—Seven R. P. D. Patriarchs or more, in good standing in the Order, may petition the Grand Encampment, in writing, for a charter to constitute an Encampment of Patriarchs: which petition must be accompanied with a letter of recommendation or certificate of membership and good standing from the Encampment to which they belong; and upon the granting of a charter their cards of clearance from the Subordinate Encampments shall be required, and also the sum of *Thirty Dollars* as the charter fee. Should the charter be granted, the Grand Patriarch, or such other qualified Patriarch as he may delegate, shall open the Encampment and present the charter. Travelling expenses, if any are incurred, shall be borne by the Grand Encampment.

**SEC. 2. *Terms of Subordinates.***—The terms of the Subordinate Encampments shall consist of twelve Regular Sessions, commencing semi-monthly. They shall commence at the first Regular Sessions in July and January; all terms shall be completed on the day the succeeding ones commence.

**SEC. 3. *Returns of Subordinates.***—The Subordinates shall, at the end of each term, report to the Grand Scribe, at least fifteen days previous to the Semi-Annual and Annual Sessions of this Grand Encampment the names of the Patriarchs initiated,—admitted by card,—reinstated,—and of

those exalted to the R. P. Degree,—the number on whom Degrees have been conferred,—the names of Patriarchs withdrawn by card,—deceased,—suspended or expelled,—the names of brothers rejected,—the result of the election of officers,—and the amount of all moneys due the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 4: *Annual Returns of Subordinates.*—Each Subordinate shall, in addition, report at least fifteen days previous to the Annual Session, a complete list of its members, (arranged according to rank in the Encampment,) and also of its work, and the number of Patriarchs relieved, and amount paid for relief.

SEC. 5. *Dues of Subordinates.*—Each Encampment, subordinate to this Grand Encampment, shall pay, semi-annually, *five per cent.* on the minimum rates fixed by this Grand Encampment, on all sums received for initiations, degrees, and deposite of cards.

SEC. 6. *Liabilities of Subordinates for Neglect of Duty.*—Should any Subordinate Encampment, for two Regular Sessions of the Grand Encampment, neglect or refuse to make its returns and pay its dues, the Grand Encampment may declare its charter thereby forfeited.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Representatives.*—This Grand Encampment shall, at an Annual Session, elect by ballot such Grand Representatives as it may be entitled to, and in such manner as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to represent this Grand Encampment in that body; and shall pay all expenses

necessarily incurred by the Representative or Representatives in the discharge of their duties.

## ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. *Amendment.*—Any proposal to alter, amend, suspend, or annul this Constitution, or any portion thereof, must be proposed at a Regular Session in writing; and, if approved by four members, the Grand Scribe shall within thirty days thereafter, notify each Subordinate Encampment in the jurisdiction of the proposition. And if at the next Annual Session, it is adopted by two-thirds of the members present, it shall prevail, and become a part of the Constitution.

SEC. 2. *By-Laws and Rules of Order.*—This Grand Encampment is fully authorized to adopt or amend, at any Regular Session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order as two-thirds of the members present may approve.



# BY-LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. *Hours of Convening.*—The R. W. Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the State of Massachusetts will convene at the Regular Sessions, at nine o'clock, A. M. And may adjourn from time to time until the business of the Session is completed.

SEC. 2. *Quorum*—Seven members of this Grand Encampment shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. *Non Quorum.*—Should a quorum be present, the Grand Officers provided by the Constitution to preside, shall proceed to open the Grand Encampment within thirty minutes of the time of meeting. But should there not be a quorum at the expiration of the time, the members assembled may adjourn from time to time till a quorum shall assemble.

SEC. 4. *Absence of Presiding Officers.*—When all the Grand Officers, provided by the Constitution for presiding are absent, the Chair may be taken by a Past Grand Patriarch, should any be present, otherwise, by any member who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 5. *Grand Encampment Degree.*—All Sessions of the Grand Encampment for transacting business and receiving members, shall be held in the Grand Encampment Degree.

## ARTICLE II.

**SECTION 1. *Funds, &c., of Subordinates.***—In all cases where an Encampment shall have been suspended or expelled, or its charter shall have been vacated or forfeited, the charter, funds, books, properties, and effects of all kinds, shall revert to the Grand Encampment. And it is made the special duty of the last installed officers of such Encampment, to deliver the same immediately to the Grand Patriarch, or the brother deputed by him to receive them.

**SEC. 2. *Seal.***—Each Subordinate Encampment under this jurisdiction shall have a proper Seal, a copy of which shall be deposited in this Grand Encampment, and all official communications shall be sealed therewith, and each Subordinate shall transmit to the Grand Scribe, as soon as practicable, a copy of its By-Laws for the examination of the Grand Officers.

**SEC. 3. *Certificate.***—The following shall be the form of a Certificate of a Representative to the Grand Encampment :—

———— Encampment, No. —, I. O. of O. F.  
To the R. W. Grand Encampment }  
of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F. }

This is to certify that [P. C. P. or P.H. P.] ——— has been duly elected a Representative of this Encampment in your R. W. Body, to serve until the Annual Session in August, 184—.

[L. S.] *In testimony whereof*, we hereunto affix our hands and the Seal of our Encampment, this ——— day of ——— 18—.

Attest,

C. P.  
H. P.

Scribe.

# RULES OF ORDER.

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## I. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After a quorum shall have assembled, the following shall be the order of business, viz :

*First.* The Grand Patriarch shall request the brethren to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the Grand officers and members to take their respective stations.

*Second.* The G. J. W. will report on the safe condition of the Grand Encampment.

*Third.* The Grand Patriarch will call up the Grand Encampment while the G. H. P. performs the duties of his office.

*Fourth.* Proclamation of the opening of the Grand Encampment.

*Fifth.* The Minutes of the last session read, and if no objection be made, they shall stand approved without vote.

*Sixth.* New members admitted and instructed.

*Seventh.* Reports of Committees by seniority.

*Eighth.* Unfinished business acted on by priority.

*Ninth.* New business.

*Tenth.* Closing (or adjournment,) in form.

The order of business may, at any time, for an occasion, be changed or dispensed with, by a special two-third vote of the Grand Encampment.

## II. OF DECORUM.

The utmost decorum shall be observed during the Sessions of the Grand Encampment. And no one shall leave without permission of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, nor enter without the consent of the R. W. Grand Senior Warden.

Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

## III. OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Patriarch, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Encampment, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask : “ *Is the Grand Encampment ready for the question ?* ” Should no member rise to speak, and a majority indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question; and after he has risen no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall declare the votes and decisions of the Grand Encampment on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it. And he shall have the privilege of speaking from the Chair on such questions only. When an appeal has been taken from its decision, the question shall be put thus : “ *Will the Grand Encampment stand by the Chair in its decision ?* ”

## IV. OF DEBATE.

When a member intends to speak on a question, or to offer a motion, he shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Chair. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Encampment or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall interrupt another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member while speaking shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak, shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice without permission from the Chair. But no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

## V. OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition, or memorial is presented, before it is read, or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or

the Chair. And after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the journal.

No motion shall be subject to action until seconded and stated by the Chair; and at the desire of any member, it shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Encampment, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone the same, to refer, or to amend; and the same shall have precedence in the order herein arranged; the three first of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question, except one of indefinite postponement has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority, may at the same or next succeeding session move for a reconsideration thereof.

The previous question may be called for by two members, if seconded by a majority, and shall be put in this form,—*“ Shall the main question be now put ? ”*—if carried, all amendments, not already adopted, shall be precluded, and the main question taken without further debate.

When one-fifth of the members rise in favor of taking a question by Ayes and Nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

Every member present shall vote on any question before the Grand Encampment, unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the Grand Encampment, or is otherwise incapacitated.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Encampment,

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

State of Massachusetts,

AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON, FEBRUARY 3, 1847.



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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
I. O. OF O. F.

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OASIS HALL,

*February 3, 1847, 9½ o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled at its Semi-Annual Session. Present,—

ITHAMAR W. BEARD,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
B. H. DAVIS,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
JOSEPH WELLS,	<i>Grand Senior Warden, pro tem.</i>
WM. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
J. NEWMARCH,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
GEO. NORTON,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
WM. ELLISON,	<i>Grand Representative.</i>
J. B. FROST, JR.,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

And a full representation from the Encampments under this jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. P. Ellison it was

*Voted*, That the reading of the Records of the last Session be dispensed with, and that they be approved.

*Voted*, To suspend the Sixth Rule of Order, to wit, Admitting and Instructing New Members, and proceed to such other business as may regularly come before the Encampment.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report, which was accepted.

### *Grand Treasurer's Report.*

DR. JOSEPH NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the*  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, I. O. O. F.

1846. Aug. 5. To cash on hand, - - - - - \$411 38

1847. Feb. 1. To cash received of G. Scribe from Aug. 5,  
1846, to date, - - - - - 335 00

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746 38

CR. 1847. Feb. 1. By cash paid sundry bills, as  
per vouchers, from August 5,

1846, to date, - - - \$506 98

Feb. 1. By cash on hand to new account, 239 40

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746 38

DR. 1847. Feb. 1. To cash on hand, - - - 239 40

J. NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which was accepted.

### *Grand Scribe's Report.*

Dr. W. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe, in account with the GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.*

1846. Aug. 4.	To balance on hand, - - - -	\$ 37 05	
1847. Feb. 1.	To cash received from Aug. 4th, 1846, to date, - - - - -	458 15	
		<hr/>	495 20

Cr. 1846. Sept. 8.	By paid J. Newmarch, Grand Treasurer, -	\$175 00	
1847. Jan. 5.	- - - - -	110 00	
Feb. 1.	- - - - -	50 00	
Feb. 1.	Paid salary to date, - -	50 00	
	Expenses Instituting Encampment and Installing Officers, - -	63 45	
	Massasoit Encampment, rent of hall, - - - - -	12 80	
	Paid sundry expenses pertaining to office, - - - - -	4 99	
	Balance on hand, - - -	28 96	495 20
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			W. H. JONES, <i>Grand Scribe.</i>

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual Communication, which on motion was referred to Patriarchs Prince, Hayden and Barr, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained, so that they may be separately considered by this Grand Encampment.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I.O.O.F.*

It becomes my duty on this occasion to make to you my Semi-Annual Report. You will perceive upon an examination of the Semi-Annual Reports of Subordinates that the number of members of this branch of our Order has not increased with that rapidity, taking into consideration the present number of Encampments under this jurisdiction, as during former terms; but you will allow me to suggest, that, in my apprehension this is by no means an evidence of a less prosper-

ous condition of this branch of the Order, assuming as we do, to be a higher branch of the Order, to be Patriarchs, our standard of moral qualifications should be proportionably exalted. Since our annual meeting, ten new Encampments have been instituted, viz:—

Wanackmamack, No. 16, at Nanctucket, Oct. 22.

Lowell, No. 17, at Lowell, Sept. 3.

Wompatuck, No. 18, at Hingham, Sept. 7.

Howard, No. 19, at North Attleboro', Sept. 4.

Quinshepaug, No. 20, at Milford, Sept. 3.

Grey Lock, No. 21, at Pittsfield, Sept. 28.

Charles River, No. 22, at Cambridge, Sept. 1.

Samaritan, No. 23, at Chelsea, Sept. 3.

Mount Hebron, No. 24, at North Stoughton, Oct. 22.

Agawam, No. 25, at Springfield, Jan. 6, 1847.

All these new Encampments were instituted with the most flattering prospects, and some of them which I have visited, I may be permitted to say, are models for the correctness and solemnity with which the work is done. Two of them in particular I may be allowed to name, viz., No. 22, at Cambridge, and No. 23, at Chelsea; others may be equally as well managed, but I possess no knowledge in relation to some of them, or indeed in relation to most of them. No. 17, at Lowell, is in a prosperous condition, and I am happy to be able to say what I feared would not be found true, No. 4 and 17 are on the most friendly terms, and neither of them seem to have forgotten "*The Golden Rule*."

The work so far as I have been able to learn has not been so uniform in the old Encampments as it ought to be, and it is to be hoped that D. D. G. Patriarchs will compare with each other and with our worthy Grand Representatives, who are in every respect competent to give instructions, that this evil may be remedied. I think, however, that perhaps more frequent meetings of the Grand Officers, than our business engagements and the remoteness of our several residences has enabled us to hold, might tend to remedy the evil. But few questions of rules and practice have come up for our consideration during the term.

Questions arose in No. 15 —

1st. Whether where a mistake is supposed to have happened in a balloting for a candidate, a second balloting can be had?

2nd. Whether a candidate who has been rejected, but no cause assigned for his rejection, can be immediately repropounded.

On which we ruled as follows, and now submit our ruling to you.

1st. That where a mistake is supposed to have happened in a balloting for a candidate, for the purpose of ascertaining if such is the case, a second balloting may be had, or perhaps it would be better expressed to say that the same balloting may be gone through with again, to ascertain if there is a mistake, but no ballot vote when fairly put and decided, can be reconsidered, except a vote electing a candidate, and something against his character is made known after the balloting.

2nd. That if no cause is assigned by the Patriarch who casts the black ball for his ballot, the brother rejected could be at once repropounded again. Provided, the rejection be upon a favorable report of the Investigating Committee.

In relation to the financial affairs of this Grand Encampment, I may be permitted to say a word. At our last meeting it will be recollected that the per centage to be paid by Subordinates was reduced to five per cent. It will appear obvious to all upon an examination of our Reports, that this per centage will not be sufficient to meet our current expenses.

We may, perhaps, save some expenses which we have heretofore incurred. The office of D. D. G. Patriarch might be abolished, and some past officer in each Encampment be deputed to instal the officers of that Encampment, and thus an expense might be saved. But, whether such a change is expedient or not, is a question I propose to submit to your discretion—without suggesting any opinion.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Jewels were established for the officers of Grand Encampments. No measures have been taken to procure any jewels for our use. To this subject I would call your attention.

Another subject which is engrossing the attention of the Supreme Legislature of Subordinates of this State, is the fact that our dues do not bear a proper proportion to the benefits; such at least is the case if we refer to tables which have been prepared with care by Health Insurance Companies. I would call your attention to this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ITHAMAR W. BEARD, *Grand Patriarch.*

A Communication received from J. L. Ridgley, Esq., Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, inviting the attention of State Grand Encampments to resolutions adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its Annual Session, 1846, in relation to the expediency of the establishment by the Order of a General System of Education, and to devise plans for the accomplishment of the object, &c.,—was read, and on motion referred to Grand Representatives Ellison and Thompson, Grand Patriarch I. W. Beard, Grand Scribe W. H. Jones, and Grand Sentinel J. B. Frost, Jr.; with instructions to confer with a Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge upon the subject, (if appointed,) and report at the next Annual Session.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, submitted the following Report, which on motion was accepted, and referred to the same Committee for the purpose of nominating Committees on its several divisions.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, respectfully Report:—

1st. That so much as relates to the more frequent meetings of the Grand Officers be referred to the Grand Officers.

2d. That so much as refers to balloting for candidates be referred to a Committee of three.

3d. That so much as relates to the subject of Jewels for the Grand Officers be referred to a Committee of three.

4th. That so much as relates to dues and benefits be referred to a Committee of three.

Respectfully submitted,

H. PRINGE.  
C. C. HAYDEN.  
THOS. BARR.

On motion, Patriarchs J. Jones, Williams and Robbins were appointed a Committee to examine Certificates of Representatives.

A petition presented for an Encampment, to be located in Fall River, to be known and hailed as Metacomet Encampment, No. 26, was read, and on motion referred to Patriarchs Barr, Dennis, and Tisdale.

The Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication, for the purpose of nominating Committees upon its several divisions, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the appointment of Committees to the different sections of the Grand Patriarch's Report, respectfully Report:—

That so much as refers to the balloting of candidates be referred to P. H. P. Robbins, P. C. P. Norton, and P. C. P. Pattee.

That so much as refers to the Jewels of the Grand Officers be referred to P. H. P. Timothy Ingraham, P. H. P. J. B. Frost, Jr., and P. C. P. Franklin Williams.

That so much as refers to dues and benefits be referred to P. G. P. Wm. Ellison, P. C. P. Thomas Barr, and P. C. P. J. R. Mullin.

H. PRINCE,  
C. C. HAYDEN,  
THOS. BARR.

The Committee appointed to examine Certificates of Representatives reported the following correct:—

P. C. P. David Ayers, Massasoit Encampment,	No. 1.
P. C. P. Seth C. Ames, Monomake	“ No. 4.
P. H. P. Joshua Merrill, “	“ No. 4.
P. C. P. Isaac Cook, Bunker Hill	“ No. 5.
P. C. P. Naham Chapin, “	“ No. 5.
P. H. P. Wm. W. Pierce, “	“ No. 5.



P. C. P. S. Newmarch, Mt. Washington,	"	No. 6.
P. H. P. Wm. A. Butters,	"	No. 6.
P. H. P. Geo. C. Taft, Wachusett	"	No. 10.
P. C. P. Albourne Oliver, Nahant	"	No. 11.
P. H. P. Edward Carroll,	"	No. 11.
P. H. P. James St. C. Wilson, Shâlôm	"	No. 12.
P. C. P. Franklin Grant, Naumkeag	"	No. 13.
P. C. P. Elias A. Morse, Naomi	"	No. 14.
P. H. P. Charles Foster,	"	No. 14.
P. C. P. D. Wells Alvord, Mt. Holyoke	"	No. 15.
P. C. P. W. A. Hersey, Wompatuck,	"	No. 18.
P. H. P. A. H. Holden,	"	No. 18.
P. C. P. Geo. H. Dodge, Howard	"	No. 19.
P. C. P. W. E. Parmenter, Charles River	"	No. 22.
P. H. P. Eben Francis, Samaritan	"	No. 23.

Who were admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree, and took their seats as Representatives in this Grand Encampment.

The Certificates of P. C. P. Charles R. Sargeant and P. H. P. Dexter Dana, of Merrimack Encampment, No. 7, were reported informal, inasmuch as they had been elected by the Encampment Representatives to serve one year instead of until the Annual Session in August, 1847.

On motion, they were admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree and allowed to take their seats as Representatives to serve for the term prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

*Voted*, That when the Grand Encampment adjourns it adjourn at half past 12 M. to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

P. C. P. Charles G. Giles, of Lowell Encampment, No. 17, and P. C. P. W. E. P. Haskell, of Samaritan Encampment, No. 23, were then admitted and instructed in the G. E.

Degree, and took their seats as Representatives in this Grand Encampment.

*Voted*, That 2 o'clock, P. M., be the hour assigned for the admission and instruction of new members.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for an Encampment at Fall River reported, viz:—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Petition for an Encampment in Fall River, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to Report:—

That in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. BARR,  
E. DAWES TISDALE.  
LOUIS DENNIS.

*Voted*, To accept the Report and grant the Charter.

*Voted*, That Grand Representatives Ellison and Thompson be a Committee to ascertain and report to this Grand Encampment the work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

The Grand Scribe notified the Grand Encampment that applications had been made to him from some of the Subordinate Encampments for liberty to exchange the dispensations granted to them by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for Charters from the R. W. Grand Encampment of this State.

On motion, it was

*Voted*, That the Grand Scribe have authority to make such exchange as allowed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the condition that the Subordinates pay the expense thereof.

On motion of Patriarch Ayres, it was

*Voted*, That the amount borrowed by this Grand Encampment of the Subordinates for the purpose of paying for its Charter, be paid to the several Encampments from whom it was borrowed.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to Jewels, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R W. Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts.*

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Patriarch's Report which relates to Jewels for the Grand Encampment, Report :—

That having duly considered the matter they recommend that a set of appropriate Jewels as required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, be procured for this Grand Encampment.

T. INGRAHAM,  
F. WILLIAMS,  
J. B. FROST, JR.

On motion, Patriarchs W. H. Jones, Parmenter, and Ellison, were appointed a Committee to procure the Jewels.

On motion of Patriarch Ayres, it was

*Voted*, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication, as relates to the expenses of D. D. Grand Patriarchs.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Patriarchs Strong, M'Leish and Ayres.

On motion to reconsider the vote fixing the hour of adjournment at 12½ o'clock, M., it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, at 11½ o'clock, the Grand Encampment adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

Grand Senior Warden, Samuel Wells, was present and took his seat.

The following Petitions, presented from Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, and Patriarchs of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, were read.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

At a special session of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, I. O. of O. F., Friday Evening, January 29, 1847; called for the purpose of considering the expediency of petitioning the R. W. Grand Encampment for leave to remove Menotomy Encampment to Medford, the following vote was passed unanimously:—

“*Voted*, That we do petition the R. W. Grand Encampment for leave to remove this Encampment from West Cambridge, and locate the same at Medford; and that our Representatives be instructed to favor the removal.”

A true copy from the records.

[Seal.]

Attest,

ADDISON HILL, *Scribe.*

*West Cambridge, Feb'y 2d, 1847.*

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WE, the subscribers, Patriarchs of Middlesex Encampment, would most respectfully petition your Honorable Body to remove Monotomy Encampment to Medford, if the consent of the said Encampment can be obtained; we think such an arrangement would be a benefit to the Encampment, as we have no doubt that from forty to fifty of the brothers of Harmony Lodge might be induced to join, which, in addition to the members already belonging to the Encampment, would make quite a respectable body, so far as numbers are concerned. We hereby pledge ourselves to join Monotomy Encampment if removed to Medford.

[*Signed*].—Samuel S. Green, Jr., John H. Haskell, George Pierce, Amos Hutchings, Thomas H. Floyd, Abraham B. Carr, Alfred Ells,

Daniel Whitaker, J. M. Woodbridge, Jr., Samuel Clark, Albert Delano, Elisha Stetson, Nath. Tay, John S. Emerson, Jr.

A motion was made, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A motion was made that the Petitions be referred to a Committee of three, which was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Patriarchs Hills, Stearns, and Culbertson.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to dues and benefits, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as refers to the subject of the dues of the Subordinate Encampments, as not bearing a proper proportion to their benefits, have attended to their duty, and would beg leave to report :—

That this Grand Encampment recommend to its Subordinates the propriety of making some alteration in their system of dues and benefits, if necessary, so as to keep their expenditures at all times, except in very extreme cases, within their receipts ; and thus preserve their usefulness, and render them able in future time to fulfil all their financial engagements, when the applications for membership, which have heretofore been the principal source of revenue, shall in a great degree cease. Your Committee do not recognize the right of this Grand Encampment to legislate upon the dues and benefits of its Subordinates, believing that, to be a subject over which the Subordinate Encampments have the exclusive and entire control. A recommendation from this Grand Encampment calling the attention of the Subordinates to the subject, would, in the opinion of your Committee, be received by them with the respect and attention that the subject demands, and would accomplish the object so much to be desired.

In regard to the per centage due from the Subordinate Encampments, your Committee believe that the alteration made at our last Session has operated unfavorably to this body. They would therefore offer an

amendment to Section 5, Article 6, of the Constitution of this body, fixing the dues of Subordinates at 10 per cent as heretofore.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON, }  
THOS. BARR. } *Committee.*

*Boston, Feb. 3, 1847.*

The following Representatives, having presented correct certificates, were admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree, viz :—

P. H. P. Addison Hill, of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3.

P. H. P. Wm. Saunders, Jr., of Naumkeag Encampment, No. 13.

Patriarch Ayers submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the D. D. G. Patriarchs of the several Districts are the organs of the Grand Patriarch, they are fully competent to decide all questions arising in their respective Districts when submitted to them for an opinion ; subject, however, to the opinion of the Board of Grand Officers, or an appeal to the Grand Encampment.

*Voted*, That 3 o'clock, P. M. be the hour assigned for admitting and instructing Representatives.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*Oasis Hall, Feb. 3, 1847.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

The Committee on Finance ask leave to make the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them to be correct.

The Grand Scribe has on hand,	.	.	.	\$ 28,96
The Grand Treasurer has on hand,	.	.	.	239,40
				<hr/> \$268,36

The specific receipts and disbursements will more fully appear by the reports of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COLE,  
JOHN R. MULLIN.

Moved, by Patriarch Frost, That any Subordinate Encampment failing to make its report as prescribed by Article VI, Sections 3 and 4, of the Constitution of this Grand Encampment, shall be fined a sum equal to the amount of dues from said Encampment. An amendment was offered by G. H. P. Davis, viz : " and the officers shall not be installed until the report is placed in the hands of the installing officer." The amendment and motion were withdrawn ; whereupon Patriarch Ayers submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That each Encampment within this jurisdiction shall prepare and deliver to the D. D. Grand Patriarchs of the District to which it may be attached, a full report of the work of the term, previous to its officers being installed for the succeeding one ; such report to be transmitted by the D. D. Grand Patriarch to the Grand Scribe within fourteen days from the date of such installation, and in case he shall fail so to do he shall be fined five dollars.

P. H. P. Samuel Prince, Representative of Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, presented his Certificate, and was admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree.

The Committee appointed on so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as related to D. D. G. Patriarchs, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to consider so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as relates to D. D. Grand Patrarchs, have attended to their duty and beg leave to Report:—

That in their opinion it is not only expedient, but desirable, and would save much expense to the Grand Encampment and be beneficial to the Subordinate Encampments, that the Grand Patriarch appoint a D. D. G. Patriarch for each Encampment within this jurisdiction. Such appointment to be made from among the qualified past officers in each Encampment, where practicable; whose duty it shall be to instal the officers of the Encampment under his charge, and see that the work is performed uniformly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. STRONG,  
DAVID AYERS,  
JOHN McLEISH.

Patriarch Robbins from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as related to balloting for candidates for membership in Subordinates, submitted a Report, which was accepted.

A motion was made that the Report be adopted.

On motion to recommit the Report to the same Committee, it was decided in the affirmative.

P. H. P. A. C. Mayhew, of Quinshepaug Encampment, No. 20, and P. H. P. George Ashworth, of Lowell Encampment, No. 17, were admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree, and took their seats as Representatives.

Patriarch Barr called the attention of the Grand Encampment to the Report of the Committee and recommendation adopted by the Grand Encampment at its Annual Session, in relation to matters of grievance between Tri-Mount Encampment and Patriarchs Guild and Pollard, (see pages 19 and 20, Journal of Proceedings, Aug. Ses. 1846,) and submitted inquiries relating thereto.

A motion was made that the further consideration of the



subject be indefinitely postponed, which was decided in the negative.

Moved by Patriarch Barr, that the Grand Scribe be directed to notify Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampments to comply with the recommendations reported by the Committee and adopted at the last Annual Session in relation to matters of grievance between Tri-Mount Encampment and Patriarchs Guild and Pollard, provided they have not already attended to the subject.

A motion was made to refer the subject to a Committee of three, to report at the next session of the Grand Encampment, which was decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon the motion of Patriarch Barr, it was decided in the affirmative.

Patriarch Robbins from the Committee to whom the subject was recommitted, submitted the following amended Report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as had reference to a Subordinate Encampment ordering a new ballot immediately after a declaration from the chair of the rejection of a candidate, upon the supposition that said rejection occurred through mistake. Also, upon the rejection of a candidate, no cause being assigned, why said candidate cannot be again proposed, immediately thereafter, to the same or another Encampment, beg leave respectfully to Report :—

That having examined the Constitution they find reference to the first inquiry in Article II., Clause 2, Subordinate Constitution, and believe its true construction would not admit of a second ballot, after the declaration from the chair announcing the result of a ballot for membership. The language there made use of is, "if one ball appear against him, (meaning the candidate), he *shall* be rejected, and so declared. Except when there is good reason to believe that through

some inadvertency a mistake has occurred, when the chair shall order the ballot to be taken again, and on the second ballot being declared, it shall be final.

With reference to the second inquiry, your Committee can find no laws in the Encampment Constitution denying a brother the privilege of being immediately proposed again, either to the same or any other Encampment, whether cause be assigned or not.

ROBERT L. ROBBINS,  
JESSE PATTEE.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, and Patriarchs of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, at Malden, submitted the following Report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, to be removed from its present location at West Cambridge to Medford; also the petition of Patriarch S. S. Green, Jr., and thirteen others of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, at Malden, in aid of the first named,—would respectfully Report :—

That they have heard the petitioners, and given the subject that consideration which it seemed to demand. Menotomy Encampment at West Cambridge is in a depressed condition. Fourteen members of Middlesex Encampment, residing at Medford, express their willingness to take hold of Menotomy Encampment should it be removed; and they are of opinion that quite a large number of the members of the Subordinate Lodge at Medford would also become members thereof. These, with other facts presented to the Committee, leave no room to doubt but that the proposed removal would be greatly beneficial to Menotomy Encampment, or in fact that it would be its salvation.

The Committee therefore recommend that the petition of Menotomy Encampment be complied with, and that the Grand Officers be instructed to carry into effect the removal of said Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, from West Cambridge to Medford.

Respectfully submitted,

T. K. HILLS,  
N. Y. CULBERTSON.

On motion, the Report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

On motion, the sum of three dollars was voted to Patriarch Frost, for his services as Grand Sentinel.

*Voted*, That hereafter Representatives shall be admitted and instructed only at the hour of 11 A. M., except when the Grand Encampment holds a session in the afternoon, when they shall be admitted and instructed at 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Patriarch Lord, That the Grand Scribe be directed to give notice to the Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction, of all special votes passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, relating to the Patriarchal branch of the Order, immediately after the sessions thereof, it was decided in the negative.

On motion, at quarter past 4 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe*.

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# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the term ending December 31, 1846.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Percentage due Grand Encampment.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	12	13	1	6	8	8	49	..	2	37	259	\$467 21	\$ 7 20
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do.	do.	27	29	..	..	29	..	\$2	..	..	83	234	876 10	17 10
Menotomy, . . .	3	W. Cambridge,	Middlesex,	2	1	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	5	36	84 75	1 20
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	do.	9	9	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	27	117	289 23	5 40
Bunker Hill, . . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	10	10	..	..	4	..	11	..	..	30	126	293 89	6 00
Mt. Washington, . . .	6	S. Boston,	Suffolk,	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	15	76	219 41	3 00
Merimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	10	8	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	28	57	193 61	6 15
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	8	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	44	110 00	4 80
*Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	Middlesex,	7	6	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	19	47	155 60	4 20
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	35	68 00	2 40
Nahant, . . .	11	Lynn,	Essex,	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	59	149 75	1 20
Shâlôm, . . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	54	85 50	4 20
Naumkeag . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	6	13	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	27	52	150 25	3 75
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	6	6	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	18	36	94 58	3 60
Mt. Holyoke, . . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	17	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	28	210 00	10 20
+Wanacknamack	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	18	18	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	54	25	222 50	10 80
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,	22	22	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	66	30	278 27	13 20
Wompatuck, . . .	18	Hingham,	Plymouth,	12	11	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	35	20	160 37	7 20
Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough,	Bristol,	9	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	27	18	111 00	5 55
Quinshepaug, . . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,			..	8	..	..	..	..	..				
Grey Lock . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,			..	9	..	..	..	..	..				

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contribut'g members.	Amount of receipts.	Percentage due Grand Encampment.
Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	9	9	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	27	31	123 25	5 85
Samaritan, . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	30	30	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	90	40	387 17	18 15
†Mt. Hebron, .	24	Stoughton,	Norfolk,													
†Agawam, . . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,													
Total, . . .				232	234	2	82	99	8	12	1	4	698	1424	4730 44	141 15

\* Report not received.

† Instituted last part of the term. No Report due.

‡ Non payment of dues.

§ J. A. Peterson. Voluntarily withdrawn from the Order.

P. H. P. S. Trull. Non payment of dues.

|| Non payment of dues.

¶ Wm. B. Hanners. Expelled in Subordinate Lodge.

# *NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.*

No.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1	John Binney,	John F. Locke,	Dexter Bowker,	Judson Murdock,	J. G. Morse,	R. M. Baker.
2	Horace Williams,	Edwin Brown,	Wm. H. Kelley,	E. W. Bumstead,	H. L. Devereux,	Wm. A. Ball.
3	Albert W. Bryant,	L. Wyman, Jr.	Paul F. Dodge,	I. Fessenden,	A. Hill,	J. B. Hartwell.
4	John Read,	A. J. Hersey,	A. B. Plimpton,	John Billings,	J. E. Farnsworth,	E. Hills.
5	H. P. Fairbanks,	Francis Simonds,	Caleb Rand,	Elbridge Brown,	Geo. E. Barstow,	Joseph Burrill.
6	Charles Smith,	A. M. Holden,	M. G. Thomas,	John Davis, Jr.,	Albert Capen,	John T. Lawton.
7	John N. Wills,	Wm. Bradstreet,	Jos. W. Sargeant,	Thomas Pearson,	George Emery,	Enoch Gerrish, Jr.
8	John Baylies,	John Fuller,	Edward Stetson,	Jacob L. Porter,	Francis Baker,	R. W. Raymond.
10	Edwin Haven,	Charles S. Ellis,	A. P. Lesure,	Chas. F. Wilson,	Wm. C. Barbour,	Wm. A. Ayres.
11	Asa Warren,	A. B. Ingalls,	N. G. Usher,	D. J. Newhall,	Thomas Stacy,	Albert Johnson.
12	George B. Davis,	Wm. Webb,	S. H. Willis,	Jas. Southwick,	Asa Wyman, Jr.,	T. W. Capen.
13	J. C. Howard,	Thos. Melzard, Jr.,	Walter J. Harris,	John W. Rhodes,	Thomas Oakes,	Ephraim Annable.
14	James P. Elles,	James W. Earl,	Wm. M. Hale,	Peter Chick,	W. H. Brown,	D. S. Dickerman.
15	A. W. Bullen,	C. K. Hawkes,	T. W. Ripley,	L. J. Washburn,	M. G. Moris,	R. Cheney.
17	John Gillespie,	Mortimer Lyon,	John Caryl,	Thos. E. Roberts,	Chas. E. Barnes,	A. B. Culver.
18	Bela Whiton,	Fearing Burt, Jr.,	Henry Siders,	Joel B. Seymour,	Enos Loring,	Chas. W. Seymour.
19	John Waterhouse,	Jas. D. Lincoln,	Geo. S. Hancock,	Benj. F. Hammar,	Geo. B. Davenport.	H. M. Richards.
20	John C. Scott,	Alonzo H. Keith,	Chas. S. Landers,	John M. Mills,	Elias Whitney,	Sullivan Sumner.
21	C. A. Stewart,	H. J. Lewis,	Wm. H. Warner,	M. B. Bryant,	Charles Rule,	W. M. Mitchel.
22	John B. Cook,	T. J. Whittemore,	E. W. Livermore,	Leonard Lyon,	Adam C. Smith,	Thos. J. Leland.
23	John Low,	Eben. W. Lathrop,	Samuel A. Cushing,	Charles H. Webb.	Wm. R. Pearmain,	Wm. Monroe.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Encampment,

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

State of Massachusetts.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON, AUGUST 4, 1847.



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ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
I. O. OF O. F.

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OASIS HALL,  
*August 4th, 1847, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled at its Annual Session. Present,—

ITHAMAR W. BEARD,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
B. H. DAVIS,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
SAMUEL WELLS,	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
WM. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
H. LORD,	<i>Grand Junior Warden, pro tem.</i>
WM. ELLISON,	}
N. A. THOMPSON,	
J. B. FROST, JR.,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

And a due representation from the Encampments within the jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of Patriarch White, it was

*Voted*, That the reading of the Records of the February Session be dispensed with, and that they be approved.

On motion, Patriarchs White, Williams and Strong, were appointed a Committee to examine certificates of Representatives.

P. G. Patriarch Ellison from the Committee to whom was referred at the February Session, the Communication of James L. Ridgely, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, submitted the following Report which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

The Committee appointed at the last session of this body, upon a Communication received from J. L. Ridgely, Esq., Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, inviting the attention of State Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges to Resolutions adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Session in 1846, in relation to the expediency of the establishment by the Order, of a General System of Education, &c., have attended to the duty assigned them, and would respectfully submit the following Report:—

Your Committee have read with much pleasure and a deep interest the series of letters by Grand Corresponding Secretary Ridgely, on the subject of the establishment by the Order of a Central Federal Institution of Learning: They are aware that the magnitude of the enterprise will have a tendency to increase the doubts of the doubtful, and confirm the fears of the wavering; but a little reflection and a philosophic retrospect of the past will show us that all great enterprises have been formed in the chrysalis, by the indomitable energy and never-tiring zeal of some heroic spirit, whose pioneering footprints are ever in advance of the civilization of the age. In the world of science, what gigantic results have sprung from the speculative projects of those mighty minds, that have left the world an imperishable heirloom of their wisdom, in the splendid realization of theories that were immortal in their conception. Turning from the world of matter to the world of mind, we find the elements of that mighty principle, which not only tends to assimilate man to his Maker, but will form a bond of union among men. Purge society of its abuses, extend the empire of love, and thus preserve and perpetuate the harmony of the world. The advancement of education,—the diffusion of intelligence, will elevate our national character, preserve the public morals, and promote the happiness and the freedom of the human race. Such has been its bright career, if we trace back the world's history to that night of thick darkness in which it was enveloped, when, in the early history of Spain, the influence of a corrupt priesthood obtained a supremacy in the national councils, until the enlightenment of education exposed to view the movements of the machinery by which the imagination of

our race was so powerfully affected in a rude and superstitious age. The minds of men were almost wholly engrossed by ambition, voluptuousness, and avarice, until the "genius of education appeared as a messenger from heaven, bearing the torch of knowledge to dispel the gloom that obscured the forms of nature and of truth." We are all familiar with the temptations that beset the uneducated and ignorant. The sudden burst of a vindictive passion, where the calm energy of reason is left unguided by education, may sometimes occasion important changes in the fate of nations. Number, if you can, the priceless blessings that have enured to the world by the spreading of Christianity, in the elevation of the human race, the inculcation of every virtue, the development of mind, the triumphs of art, the subduing of the passions, the dethronement of sin, and the overcoming evil with good.

These are some of the fruits of education. In our own day and generation, and in our own land, it has given to the masses that mental culture which has built up for us the noble structure of a republican government, and surrounded us with institutions of science and learning that will ever be the great palladium of our liberties. To educate and enlighten the mind is to free it from the yoke of error. Such, is the splendid aggregate in which our Association is called upon to form an integral part; for it is to the establishment of public institutions of learning, that the world is indebted for preserving the wisdom of past ages for the use of those to come. Our own age is not so much distinguished for uncommon displays of genius, as by its general intellectual improvement and the enthusiasm enkindled for liberal studies. It is the peculiar mission of our Institution to enlarge the circle of human sympathies, and to lead on the spirit of enterprise, in its philanthropic efforts to erect a structure in the hearts of men that will endure forever.

We have thus seen that the fruit of education, in passing through past ages, has erected and left memorials of its greatness more enduring than the pyramids, and more eternal than the stars. We have also seen that Odd Fellowship is pre-eminently calculated to foster, to cherish, and to strengthen all noble efforts to fraternize the world.

The question that first naturally presents itself to our minds, in considering this subject, is, Has the Order the means to carry out this project, without embarrassing its finances or impairing its usefulness. Your Committee have directed their attention to this point of inquiry, and find from the Annual Reports of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, the gross revenues of the Order, from 1840 to 1846, to exceed two million dollars; while the relief expenditures, for the same period, amounts to five hundred and thirty-nine thousand, six hundred and twenty-two dollars. From this balance is to be deducted the current expenses of the Lodges, which will not exceed twenty-five per cent., leaving a million of dollars surplus as the aggregate means of the Order, which is invested in the public securities of the country. The estimated expense of carrying out this project, as illustrated by Grand Corresponding Secretary Ridgely, affixing an extravagant sum by way of hypothesis, would be for the cost of a college building, with a suitable site, and providing it with a library, philosophical apparatus, and cabinet of minerals, about one hundred and fifty thousand

dollars. The annual outlay for the boarding, clothing, and educating three hundred pupils and the endowment of twelve professorships, will reach the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

These are large sums, adds the Grand Secretary, but to the reflecting mind capable of appreciating the already vast resources of our Order, they will appear comparatively insignificant. To provide the ways and means for the accomplishment of this scheme, the following plan is suggested; and your Committee would beg leave to state that they are presenting the plan and details assumed by the Grand Secretary, with some slight alterations. Let the twenty-seven Grand Lodges contribute each \$500; one thousand Subordinate Lodges \$100 each; one hundred Subordinate Encampments \$150 each; Grand Encampments \$200 each; the Grand Lodge of the United States \$20,000;—making an aggregate of \$150,000. These appropriations could be made gradual, by periodical installments. For the general support of the Institution, the Grand Corresponding Secretary makes the following suggestion. The estimated number of contributing members to the Order is one hundred thousand. If each of these brethren will add one-half of one per cent. per week, or twenty-six cents per year to his present assessment, the sum of \$26,000 per annum will thus be collected, to be applied to the support and thorough education of three hundred of the children of their deceased brethren, which will be constantly increasing, and thus enlarging the ability to augment the number of pupils.

The form of government of the Institution, as suggested by the Grand Secretary should be modelled upon that of the Order, founded by the munificence of the Lodges in the several States. The control of its government should be placed in their hands, or as nearly so as practicable;—the Institution to be placed under the immediate government of twenty-five visitors, consisting of one member from each State, to be chosen by the Grand Lodges in the same manner as the Grand Representatives are chosen. It should be the duty of this Board to assemble, at least once a year, at the University, at the charge and expense of the State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to enact rules and regulations for its discipline, elect its president, and all other necessary officers, appoint professors, and have a general supervision of the moral and intellectual training of the students; and during the recess, confide the general care of its affairs to the President and a Sub-Committee, subject to such directions as it may deem proper to prescribe. The Grand Lodge of the United States to exercise a general supervisory authority over the Institution, by the appointment of Committees to investigate its affairs from time to time, and by legislation, if it should be found necessary. The plan of admission, as suggested, is as follows:—

1st All male orphan children, of proper age, of deceased Odd Fellows, shall of preference be admitted, upon the official certificate of the Grand Master or Visiter of the State from which the applicant may hail.

2d. The sons of Contributing Odd Fellows shall in like manner be admitted, upon the certificate of the Grand Master or Visiter from the State in which they reside, in conformity to a ratio of membership

to be fixed, by which equal privileges as to numbers shall be apportioned to all the States.

3d. Each State shall for itself determine the manner in which it will exercise the right of presenting candidates of the second class for admission, whether by allowing to each Lodge a nomination in turn, according to seniority, or by an election in the body of the Grand Lodge.

4th. For the sons of Odd Fellows a charge shall be annually fixed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at such a rate as shall not exceed the cost of apparel, maintenance, and medical attendance, and such incidentals as may arise.

The course of study to comprehend commercial, mechanical, and agricultural instruction, as well as classical and scientific pursuits.

We have thus presented to our view the synopsis of a plan for the establishment of a Federal Institution of Learning.

Your Committee, before taking leave of the subject, will notice and remark upon some of the objections that have been raised against the adoption of this philanthropic scheme. In the first place, the constitutional right of the Grand Lodge of the United States to establish an institution of learning, with the consent and co-operation of its Subordinate Lodges, is self-evident in the injunction upon its own seal,—“We command you to educate the orphan.” It is urged as an objection to the enterprize, that its benefits will be limited and exclusive,—that it will embrace the principle of taxation of the many for the benefit of the few,—that it cannot educate *all* the orphans who are entitled to look to the Order for encouragement and support. The most liberal estimate as to the capacity of such an institution, (say the objectors of a Grand Lodge in a sister State,) would not entitle that State to the admission of more than ten pupils; and, they ask, In what consistency should we stand before the world, proclaiming that by our precepts many are called to our charities, yet by our practice few are chosen?

It is not for a moment to be supposed that our present endeavors, limited as they are, to educate and provide for the orphan, will be abandoned. The object of this Institution is to *increase* our usefulness, and not to transfer it from one sphere of action to another. It is to instruct and confer advantages upon the orphan and the destitute, that are not common to the mass of men, and enable them to tread the higher paths of literature and science, that we ask for a favorable consideration of this subject. The heavenly mission of Charity is to raise the down-trodden and unfortunate. It is our duty to do good to the extent of our ability, and not to fold our arms in cold indifference, and close the portals of our affections because we cannot dry up the ocean of tears that fall from the lids of the afflicted. The divine parable of the widow and her mite should triumph over selfish considerations. Our Order itself is founded upon the principle of taxing the many for the benefit of the few. If every one of its members should demand an equal share of its benefits, under any circumstances, where would be the safety-valve of the Institution? Our Association would become a thing of shreds and patches. And does the Grand Lodge of a sister State object to this project, because only *ten* of her orphans will receive that mental aliment that nature craves? In Massachu-

setts, the cause of education has been, for a series of years, the especial object of our government. We have been favored beyond some of our younger and sister States, in the growth and nurture of that noble sentiment,—the principle of education, which has scattered with profuse liberality its blessings and its benefits, even beyond the confines of our own Commonwealth. With us this noble sentiment has opened the door of poverty, and has assisted the indigent in climbing the steep ascent of science. With us, the tree of knowledge is made to bear its rich fruits by a continual watering of the parent stem. If we should suffer the “rank grass to grow around the very portals of our halls of learning,” we should be false to ourselves, false to our race, and false to our destiny. Narrow and sordid must be our views, if they are bounded by State lines, when, by an expansion of sympathy, we can aid, however feebly, in giving freedom to the mind.

Again, we are told that seminaries of learning soon become a prey to the conflicts of sectarian professors, and either end in exclusiveness or self-destruction;—that professorships become bones of contention, objects of electioneering and strife, and a source of dissension and difficulty. Such (our brethren of a sister State add) has been the experience, and such is the history of all governments, political, beneficent, or religious. That charity that hopeth all things, and endureth all things, will draw the veil over these sweeping denunciations, that would blot from the records of the world's history its most brilliant page. We know that in the soul of every human being lie dormant the germs of every greatness; that by surrounding man with the means of mental culture, we improve his social condition, and give to his aspirations a confidence in that “divinity that shapes our ends.”

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that the subject be submitted to the consideration of the Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges; for without their co-operation the plan could not be matured, not only on account of its intrinsic importance, but out of respect to its distinguished mover, whose pure purposes, exalted views, and cultivated mind have been devoted to the advancement of the ever-living principles of the Institution, and the centralization of those benevolent feelings in the hearts of its members, that are alike the constituent elements of its greatness and its perpetuity. The Committee would close this lengthy communication with the following extract from one of Bro. Ridgely's letters:—“If the Order approve and honor this scheme, the end is consummated, and we shall have erected a monument in the hearts and the affections of thousands of widows and orphans, which shall in all time consecrate Odd Fellowship as a system of pure and unmixed beneficence.”

The Committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:—

**Resolved,** That the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., approve of the proposition submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in regard to the establishment, by the Order, of a National Seminary of Learning, regarding it as a measure which, in its adoption, would have a tendency to extend and

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increase the benevolent purposes of the Institution, strengthen its bond of union and perpetuate the principles of our social organization.

All which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
N. A. THOMPSON,  
ITHAMAR W. BEARD,  
WM. H. JONES,  
JOSEPH B. FROST, JR.,  
E. M. P. WELLS,  
J. M. USHER,  
SAMUEL WELLS,  
WENDELL T. DAVIS,

*Joint Committee of Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Mass.*

*Voted, To adopt the Resolution.*

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which, on motion, was referred to P. G. H. P. Thompson, P. G. P. Ellison and Patriarch Alvord, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained, so that they may be separately considered by this Grand Encampment.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

**PATRIARCHS :—**By the Constitution of this Right Worthy Body, it now becomes my duty to make to you, my Report of the state of the Order under this jurisdiction. Allow me to congratulate you on the extremely prosperous state of this branch of our Order. It is evidently both increasing in numbers and improving in character. With a very few important exceptions, harmony prevails throughout this jurisdiction.

In the early part of the term I received from Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, located at Pittsfield, a petition for a Dispensation to hold their meetings at North Adams, representing that a majority of the Patriarchs of that Encampment are residents of North Adams, to whom it is extremely inconvenient to attend the meetings of the Encampment at Pittsfield. Entertaining strong doubts of my power to grant such a Dispensation, I chose rather to refuse to act than to incur the danger of exercising a power not delegated to me, and therefore declined granting the Dispensation.

I have since received a number of communications from that Encampment, from which I infer that anything but harmony prevails among its members; of the merits of the case, for want of information, I am



unable to speak. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter, and report what ought to be done.

A short time since I received a communication from Nahant Encampment, located at Lynn, for a Dispensation to hold their meetings at East Boston, representing this as a dernier resort to save that Encampment in existence. This application I felt bound to treat as I had a previous one from Grey Lock Encampment. Nahant Encampment will undoubtedly ask for a change of location. You will allow me to express the decided opinion, that while such a change will make it a good and useful Encampment, a refusal to alter the location on our part is equivalent to sentence of death to the Encampment.

I am compelled again to call your attention to our financial affairs. The amount received from Subordinates is obviously insufficient to pay our expenses, even when everything shall be managed with the most rigid economy.

Our expenses are—

For rent, - - - - -	\$100,00 per annum,
Grand Scribe's Salary, - - -	100,00 " "
Blanks, about - - - - -	50,00 " "
Grand Representatives tax, - -	80,00 " "
Expenses of Grand Representatives,	100,00 " "
Printing Proceedings, about - -	100,00 " "
Incidentals, - - - - -	20,00 " "
Making in all, - . - - -	<u>\$550,00</u> " "

Our income, you will perceive, has been but about \$150,00 the past term, being but little more than one half what it should be to meet our expenses.

I am informed by the Grand Scribe that we are possessed of no proper case for the books and papers of this Body. It is extremely important that our papers be kept in good order. If we do not provide the means to do so, we but poorly encourage our Worthy Grand Scribe in the neatness and order for which he is so remarkable.

In making this my last official Report to this Grand Encampment, it is with extreme regret I am compelled to confess, that I have not paid that attention to the arduous duties of the honorable office to which your kind partiality has raised me which its importance demands.

I cannot deny that I feel highly gratified with the honors of the office, but had I known that my business engagements would be such as they have been, I should have felt compelled, very reluctantly it is true, to have declined accepting its honors, I can but hope you will be so fortunate as to select one for my successor, both better qualified to perform the duties of the office and better able to attend to them.

ITHAMAR W. BEARD, *Grand Patriarch.*

*August 4, 1847.*

P. G. P. Ellison, from the Committee appointed at the February Session to procure a set of Jewels for the use of the Officers of this Grand Encampment, Reported, "That the Jewels had been ordered, and asked for further time to make a final report."

Report accepted, and further time granted.

The following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Encampment, proposed at the February Session, by the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as related to the subject, viz :—to amend Section 5 of Article 6, of the Constitution of this body, "fixing the dues of Subordinates at 10 per cent., as heretofore," was then considered, and on motion, laid upon the table, until the Finance Committee shall have reported.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Patriarch's Communication for division, &c., submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed upon the subject of the Grand Patriarch's Communication having attended to that duty, beg leave to report,—

1st.—That so much of said Communication as refers to Grey Lock Encampment be referred to a Committee of Three.

2nd.—That so much thereof as refers to Nahant Encampment be referred to a Committee of Three.

3rd.—That so much thereof as relates to Financial affairs of the Grand Encampment, be referred to a Committee of Three.

4th.—That so much thereof as refers to the papers and documents

of the Grand Encampment, and the necessity of procuring a proper Case for their preservation, be referred to the Grand Scribe, with full power to procure such an one as he may think necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

N. A. THOMPSON, }  
WM. ELLISON, } *Committee.*  
D. W. ALVORD. }

*Aug. 4th, 1847.*

*Voted*,—That the same Committee appoint Committees upon its several divisions.

*Voted*,—That a Committee be appointed to draft a form of Charter for the Encampments within this jurisdiction, in lieu of the dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

G. Scribe W. H. Jones, P. G. P. Hersey, and Patriarch W. T. Davis were appointed.

The following Communication, received from Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2, was read, and on motion ordered on file :—

[Seal.]

*Boston, June 29th, 1847.*

*Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2, I. O. of O. F.*

To BRO. JONES ;—G. S. of G. E. of Massachusetts.

In fulfillment of my duty, I feel happy in being able to state to you that Tri-Mount Encampment has, as far as lies in the power of the Encampment to do, complied with the requirements of the Grand Encampment, in relation to matters of grievance between Patriarchs Pollard and Guild of Massasoit Encampment, and members of Tri-Mount Encampment.

Yours, in F. L. & T.

H. L. DEVEREUX,—*Scribe.*

The G. Scribe submitted his Report, which was accepted.

DR. W. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe, in account with the GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.*

1847. Feb. 1.	To balance on hand,	- - - -	\$ 28 96
Apl. 29.	To cash received at sundry times,		
	for Semi-Annual dues, Cards,		
	&c., from Feb. 1, to date.	- - - -	95 25
			<hr/>
			\$124 21

Cr.	May 1.	1 Quarter's salary,	-	-	\$25 00	
		Expenses of Office,	-	-	19	
		Balance to new account,	-	-	99 02	\$124 21
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Dr.	1847, Apl. 29,	To balance on hand,	-	-		\$ 99 02
	May 4,	To cash, Charter Fee of Metacommet Encampment,	-	-	-	30 00
	Aug. 2,	To cash received for Semi-Annual dues, and Cards from April 29 to date,	-	-	-	111 55
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						\$240 57
Cr.	1847, May 11,	By paid expenses Instituting Metacommet Encampment,	-	-	\$ 13 50	
	July 1,	Paid Rent of Office to date,	-		25 00	
	" 12,	Paid W. H Taylor, bill for Installing Officers of Metacommet and Wanackmamack Encampments,	-	-	-	9 88
	" 27,	Paid expense of Installing Officers of Mt. Hebron Encampment,	-	-	-	4 65
	Aug. 2,	By 1 Quarter's Salary,	-		25 00	
		Paid J. Newmarch, Gd. Treas.,			100 00	
		Paid expenses of Office,	-	-	3 63	
		Balance to new account,	-		58 91	\$240 57
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Dr.	Aug. 2,	To Balance on hand,	-	-		\$58 91
		Respectfully submitted,				

W. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Patriarch's Communication, reported that they had appointed the following Committees, viz :—

1st.—Committee on Grey Lock Encampment.—*Patriarchs* Wendell T. Davis, of Mt. Holyoke ; Edw. W. Howe, of Tri-Mount ; Chas. H. White, of Mt. Washington.

2nd.—Committee on Nahant Encampment.—*Patriarchs* David Ayers, of Massasoit ; J. P. Pattee, of Menotomy ; W. A. Hersey, of Wompatuck.

3rd.—Committee on the Finances.—*Patriarchs* Wm. E. Parmenter, of Charles River ; Raymond Cole, of Tri-Mount ; Grand Treasurer Jos. Newmarch.

*Voted*,—To accept the Report.

A Petition received from Grey Lock Encampment was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee appointed upon that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication relating to the subject.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*Oasis Hall, Aug. 4, 1847.*

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment.*

The Committee on Finance ask leave to make the following Report :—

Your Committee have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find them to have been correctly kept, and proper vouchers for moneys paid, on file.

These Officers have on hand, \$291 63, and it appears from statements made by them, that the Grand Encampment is indebted in about the sum of \$285,00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. COLE,  
J. R. MULLIN.

*Voted*, That 12 o'clock, M., be the hour assigned for the nomination of Grand Officers, and that the Election shall take place immediately after the introduction and instruction of Representatives in the afternoon.

The following Petition from Nahant Encampment, No. 11, was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee appointed upon that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication relating to the subject.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment, of I. O. of O. F. of the State of Massachusetts.*

The petition of Nahant Encampment, No. 11, of I. O. of O. F. respectfully shews that they deem it highly essential to the welfare of the Order, and the prosperity of this Encampment, that its location be

changed from Lynn to East Boston. The reasons for this change, which they think conclusive, will be given by our Representatives in your Right Worthy Body.

They therefore pray, your R. W. Body that the location of Nahant Encampment may be changed as above.

Signed on behalf of Nahant Encampment, No. 11, I. O. of O. F.

ROLAND G. USHER, C. P.

[Seal.]

D. J. NEWHALL, H. P.

G. M. BURNHAM, Scribe.

Lynn, Aug. 2, 1847.

A Bill from the Grand Lodge of the United States, against this Grand Encampment was read, and ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, to this R. W. Body for the ensuing year, would report the following as correct, viz :

MASSASOIT ENCAMPMENT, No. 1.—*Past Chief Patriarchs* Hez. Prince, C. C. Hayden, David Ayers, Daniel Hersey, John R. Mullin, William Ellison, Albert Guild, John Binney, Louis Dennis. *Past High Priests* Samuel Prince, L. M. Smith, Wm. H. Jones, John F. Locke, R. L. Robbins, A. W. Pollard, Chas. A. Smith.

TRI-MOUNT ENCAMPMENT No. 2.—*Past Chief Patriarchs* George Norton, J. McClellan, N. A. Thompson, Edward Tyler, G. L. Montague, Horace Williams, Alfred Mudge. *Past High Priests* Edwin Brown, Raymond Cole, E. W. Howe, George A. Smith, G. L. Drinkwater, E. M. P. Wells, J. B. Frost, Jr.

MONOTOMY ENCAMPMENT, No. 3.—*Past High Priest* Luke Wyman, Jr.

MONOMAKE ENCAMPMENT, No. 4.—*Past Chief Patriarch* H. Lord. *Past High Priest* A. J. Hersey.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, No. 6.—*Past Chief Patriarchs* Charles Sampson, Daniel Hall, Charles Smith. *Past High Priests* Reuben Wheeler, Samuel R. Spinney, Charles R. White.

**MERRIMACK ENCAMPMENT, No. 7.**—*Past Chief Patriarchs* John N. Wells, Charles K. Sargeant, George Emery, Eben S. Stearns, Philip K. Hills. *Past High Priests* Dexter Dana, George T. Granger, Wm. Bradstreet, Thomas H. Lord,

**MIDDLESEX ENCAMPMENT, No. 9.**—*Past Chief Patriarchs* J. McLeish, Augustus L. Barrett, F. J. Tay, Amos Hutchins. *Past High Priests* Wm. C. Prescott, Joseph H. Waitt, Wm. H. Richardson, Geo. T. Barney.

**NAHANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 11.**—*Past Chief Patriarchs* H. A. Breed, A. Warren, Franklin Williams. *Past High Priests* Wm. Bassett, E. Carroll, Wm. Reed, A. B. Ingalls.

**MT. HOLYOKE ENCAMPMENT, No. 15.**—*Past Chief Patriarchs* D. W. Alvord, Curtis R. Parsons, A. H. Bullen, W. T. Davis. *Past High Priest* Addison S. Peck.

**WANACKMAMACK ENCAMPMENT, No. 16.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* Andrew J. Morton. *Past High Priest* Charles F. Hussey, Jr.

**LOWELL ENCAMPMENT, No. 17.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* John Gillespie. *Past High Priest* Mortimer Lyon.

**WOMPATUCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 18.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* Bela Whiton. *Past High Priest* Fearing Burr, Jr.

**HOWARD ENCAMPMENT, No. 19.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* Geo. H. Dodge.

**GREY LOCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 21.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* C. A. Stewart. *Past High Priest* A. J. Lewis.

**CHARLES RIVER ENCAMPMENT, No. 22.**—*Past Chief Patriarchs* William E. Parmenter, John B. Cooke. *Past High Priests* Justin Jones, Anson Burlingame, Thomas J. Whittemore.

**MT. HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 24.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* William Tozer. *Past High Priest* Elisha Page.

**METACOMET ENCAMPMENT, No. 26.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* Robert C. Brown. *Past High Priest* Amos D. McCoy.

The following Certificates were reported by the Committee as informal ; being without the signature of the C. P. Evidence having been given that the C. P. was absent from the City of Charlestown, it was voted to accept the Certificates, viz :—

**BUNKER HILL ENCAMPMENT, No. 5.**—*Past Chief Patriarchs* Ashbell Waitt, N. Y. Culbertson, Samuel R. Slack, H. P. Fairbanks, Nahum Chapin, Wm. Caban, Isaac Cook, Isaac C. Cushing. *Past High Priests* Joseph Wells, Gardner R. Welch, Nathaniel P. Brooks, Francis Simonds, Charles Poor, W. W. Pierce.

The Certificate of P. C. P. James P. Elles of Naomi, No. 14, is without signature of the H. P. The Scribe having certified that he was absent ;—it was voted to accept the Certificate.

The Certificates of the following Representatives were also accepted.

**ANNAWAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 8.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* John Baylies. *Past High Priest* John Fuller.

**SHALOM ENCAMPMENT, No. 12.**—*Past Chief Patriarchs* Ira Allen, George B. Davis. *Past High Priest* James St. C. Wilson.

**QUINSHEPAUG ENCAMPMENT, No. 20.**—*Past Chief Patriarch* John C. Scott. *Past High Priest* Alonzo H. Keith.

On motion, P, C. P. Wm. E. P. Haskell's Certificate was returned for correction.

The hour having arrived for the admission and instruction of new members, the following Past Officers were introduced by the Grand Junior Warden, and instructed in the G. E. Degree, and took their seats as Representatives in the Grand Encampment ; viz :—

P. H. P. John F. Locke, Massasoit Encampment,	No. 1.
P. C. P. Horace Williams, Tri-Mount, “	No. 2.
P. H. P. Edwin Brown, “ “	No. 2.
P. H. P. E. M. P. Wells, “ “	No. 2.
P. H. P. Luke Wyman, Jr. Monotomy, “	No. 3.
P. H. P. A. J. Hersey, Monomake, “	No. 4.
P. C. P. H. Fairbanks, Bunker Hill, “	No. 5.
P. H. P. Francis Simonds, “ “	No. 5.
P. C. P. Charles Smith, Mt. Washington, “	No. 6.
P. C. P. F. J. Tay, Middlesex, “	No. 9.



P. H. P. George T. Barrey, Middlesex Encampment,	No. 9.
P. H. P. A. B. Ingalls, Nahant,	" No. 11.
P. C. P. Asa Warren,	" " No. 11.
P. C. P. George B. Davis, Shâlôm,	" No. 12.
P. C. P. James P. Elles, Naomi,	" No. 14.
P. C. P. A. J. Morton, Wanackmamack,	" No. 16.
P. H. P. Charles F. Hussey, Jr.,	" " No. 16.
P. C. P. John Gillespie, Lowell,	" No. 17.
P. H. P. Mortimer Lyon,	" " No. 17.
P. C. P. Bela Whiton, Wompatuck,	" No. 18.
P. H. P. Fearing Burr, Jr.,	" " No. 18.
P. C. P. John C. Scott, Quinshepaug,	" No. 20.
P. H. P. Alonzo H. Keith,	" " No. 20.
P. C. P. C. A. Stewart, Grey Lock.	" No. 21.
P. H. P. H. J. Lewis,	" " No. 21.
P. H. P. T. J. Whittemore, Charles River,	" No. 22.
P. C. P. John B. Cooke,	" " No. 22.
P. H. P. Anson Burlingame,	" " No. 22.
P. C. P. William Tozer, Mt. Hebron,	" No. 24.
P. C. P. Robert C. Brown, Metacomet,	" No. 26.
P. H. P. Amos D. McCoy,	" " No. 26.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the nomination of Officers.

*Voted*, To adjourn immediately after the nomination of Officers to meet at two and a half o'clock, P. M.

The following Committees were appointed to distribute, sort, and count the votes, viz :—

1st.—Patriarchs, Robbins, Tozer, and Bassett.

2nd.—Patriarchs, Ellison, W. J. Hersey, and Pollard ; who reported that the following Patriarchs having received the highest number of ballots, are candidates for the several Grand Offices.

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Samuel Wells,	- - - -	23 votes.
E. W. Parmenter,	- - - -	4 "
W. T. Davis,	- - - -	2 "
Brewster Raynolds,	- - - -	2 "

## For GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Albert Case,	-	-	-	-	-	12 votes.
Eben Francis,	-	-	-	-	-	3 "
Charles H. White,	-	-	-	-	-	3 "

## For GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Wendell T. Davis,	-	-	-	-	-	6 votes.
A. W. Pollard,	-	-	-	-	-	3 "
C. R. Sargeant,	-	-	-	-	-	1 "
H. Lord,	-	-	-	-	-	1 "
J. McClellan,	-	-	-	-	-	1 "
B. Raynolds,	-	-	-	-	-	1 "
Thos. Barr,	-	-	-	-	-	1 "
Dexter Dana,	-	-	-	-	-	1 "

## For GRAND SCRIBE.

Wm. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	-	24 votes.
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## For GRAND TREASURER.

Joseph Newmarch,	-	-	-	-	-	13 votes.
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## For GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

J. McClellan,	-	-	-	-	-	8 votes.
Ira Allen,	-	-	-	-	-	3 "
D. Ayers,	-	-	-	-	-	2 "

## For 1st GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Raymond Cole,	-	-	-	-	-	11 votes.
Wm. Ellison,	-	-	-	-	-	9 "
N. A. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	-	9 "

## For 2nd GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Raymond Cole,	-	-	-	-	-	25 votes.
Wm. Ellison,	-	-	-	-	-	5 "
N. A. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	-	4 "

During the balloting for candidates for Grand Officers, the following Communication from Wachusett Encampment was received, and on motion referred to Patriarchs, Burlingame, Bassett, and F. Williams.

WACHUSETT ENCAMPMENT, Worcester, Aug. 2d, 1847.

*To the Grand Patriarch, the Officers and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment, I. O. of O. F. of Massachusetts.*

SIRS, AND BROTHERS,—It has come to the knowledge of the members of this Encampment, that during the existence of a Law of your Body, forbidding Encampments under your jurisdiction to receive propositions for, elect, initiate, or exalt, any Brother or Brothers, whose residence was nearer any other Encampment, without the consent of that nearest Encampment had and obtained. Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampments, of the City of Boston, did receive propositions; and did elect, initiate, and exalt certain Brothers,—to wit:—D. W. Alvord, W. T. Davis, A. F. Stone, C. R. Hawkes, and Samuel Wells; and for aught we know, others residing in the towns of Springfield, Greenfield, &c., at a great distance from Boston, and much nearer to this Encampment, and without the permission of this body:—thereby violating the known Law of your Honorable Body, and taking from this Encampment its rights and privileges; and receiving, and withholding the funds for exaltation, which should have been received by it.

Wachusett Encampment complains of the injustice of said Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampment, in so doing; and charges them with the violation of a wholesome Law of the Grand Camp; which they were solemnly bound to obey:—and which, by electing and exalting the said Brothers, they have disregarded.

We make known our grievances, and present these charges to your body, in hopes that your desire for the supremacy of the Laws by which your Subordinates should be governed, and your wishes for the just and true to prevail, to the promotion of good will and prosperity under your jurisdiction, will cause a careful inquiry to be instituted in the premises. And while you shall reprove for violation of known Laws, you will cause the aforesaid Encampments to so far remove the odium of their transgression as to refund the money,—by them unlawfully obtained from the aforesaid Brothers,—to this Encampment, to

which, in reality it belongs :—as it was our privilege, and ours alone, to receive the propositions, to elect and exalt the Brothers.

Respectfully and Faithfully, in behalf, and by order of Wachusett Encampment.

[Seal.]

WM. C. BARBOUR, C. P.

CHAS. F. WILSON, H. P.

Attest : ERASTUS N. TUCKER, *Scribe*.

On motion, at 45 minutes past M., the Grand Encampment adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Certificates of the following Representatives were presented and accepted, viz :—

P. H. P. Chas. E. Hewes, Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21.	
P. C. P. F. M. Kittredge, Monomake,	“ No. 4.
P. C. P. C. D. Strong, Mt. Washington,	“ No. 6.
P. C. P. A. Oliver, Nahant,	“ No. 11.
P. C. P. W. E. P. Haskell, Samaritan,	“ No. 23.
P. H. P. Eben Francis, do.	“ No. 23.
P. H. P. James W. Earl, Naomi,	“ No. 14.
P. C. P. Franklin Grant, Naumkeag,	“ No. 13.
P. H. P. N. B. Favor, Monomake,	“ No. 4.
P. C. P. Albert Case, Wachusett,	“ No. 10.
P. C. P. Edwin Haven,	“ No. 10.
P. C. P. Geo. A. Hamilton,	“ No. 10.
P. C. P. Francis P. Oliver,	“ No. 10.
P. H. P. Geo. C. Taft,	“ No. 10.
P. H. P. Chas. H. Ellis,	“ No. 10.
P. H. P. Jas. M. Stone,	“ No. 10.

The following petition from Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, was read, and on motion, referred to Patriarchs Parmenter, Kittredge, and McCoy.

MIDDLESEX ENCAMPMENT, I. O. of O. F., No. 9.

Malden, July 29th, 1847.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Massachusetts :*

WE, the undersigned, members of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, respectfully petition your Honorable Body, that, whereas, at your last Session a petition was presented in behalf of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, for the purpose of changing the location of that Encampment to Medford, without the knowledge of this Encampment ;—and whereas the granting of said petition without a hearing from this Encampment (we believing from representations from some of the signers of said petition that the same would not be presented,) is greatly to the injury of this Encampment ; inasmuch as the same will take from our Encampment some twenty-five of its members, greatly reducing our numbers, and depriving us of all hope of any further increase from Harmony Lodge, No. 68 ;—your petitioners would therefore respectfully ask a reconsideration of the vote whereby said petition of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, was granted.

[Seal.]

JOHN McLEISH, P. C. P.  
A. L. BARRETT, P. C. P.  
FRANCIS J. TAY, P. C. P.  
GEO. T. BARNEY, P. H. P.

P. G. P. Ellison, from the Committee appointed to procure a set of Jewels for the use of the Officers of the Grand Encampment, reported finally ; that the Jewel for the Grand Patriarch had been received, and that the remainder of the set would be received in a short time.

*Voted,*—To accept the Report.

*Voted,*—That the same Committee procure Collars for the Jewels.

P. H. P. Chas. E. Hewes, of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21 ; P. H. P. Jas. W. Earl, of Noami, 14 ; and P. H. P. Wm. Bradstreet, of Merrimack, 7, were then admitted and

instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree, and took their seats as Representatives of this R. W. Body.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

Patriarch's Pollard, Allen, and Caban were appointed a Committee to collect, sort, and count the votes ; who reported the result of the balloting to be as follows :

FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	59
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	30
Pat. Samuel Wells	-	-	-	-	has 48
" B. Raynolds,	-	-	-	-	10
" W. E. Parmenter,	-	-	-	-	1

And Patriarch Samuel Wells was declared elected *Grand Patriarch*.

FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	49
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	25
Pat. Albert Case	-	-	-	-	has 28
" Chas. H. White,	-	-	-	-	14
" Eben Francis,	-	-	-	-	7

And Patriarch Albert Case was declared elected *Grand High Priest*.

FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

(On the Second ballot.)

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	45
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	23
Pat. Wendell T. Davis	-	-	-	-	has 25
" B. Raynolds,	-	-	-	-	17
" A. W. Pollard,	-	-	-	-	3

And Patriarch Wendell T. Davis was declared elected *Grand Senior Warden*.

## For GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes, - - - - 29  
 Pat. Wm. H. Jones - - - - has 29  
 And was declared elected *Grand Scribe*.

## For GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes, - - - - 19  
 Pat. Jos. Newmarch - - - - has 19  
 And was declared elected *Grand Treasurer*.

## For GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - - - - 26  
 Necessary to a choice, - - - - 14  
 Pat. John McClellan - - - - has 23  
 " Ira Allen, - - - - 3  
 And Patriarch J. McClellan was declared elected *Grand Junior Warden*.

Grand Representative N. A. Thompson having declined being a candidate for re-election, the result of the balloting was as follows :—

## For 1st GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes, - - - - 45  
 Necessary to a choice, - - - - 23  
 Pat. William Ellison - - - - has 34  
 " Raymond Cole, - - - - 11  
 And Patriarch William Ellison was declared elected *1st Grand Representative*.

## For 2nd GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes, - - - - 34  
 Pat. Raymond Cole - - - - has 34  
 And was declared elected *2nd Grand Representative*.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to Nahant Encampment, submitted the following Report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarchs Communication as relates to Nahant Encampment, also the petition of said Encampment, to remove the same from Lynn to East Boston, have attended to the duty assigned them and beg leave to Report :—

That they have heard the Petitioners, and given the subject that attention which its importance demands.

It appears from the return of Nahant Encampment that they number at the present time, forty-five members, and from representations made by the Petitioners, there is but little ground to hope that their present number of members will be materially augmented, were it possible that the Encampment should continue to exist where it is at present located. Your Committee, are however, clearly of the opinion that the Encampment cannot be sustained in Lynn, but feel confident that by its removal to East Boston the condition of the Encampment will not only be greatly improved, but effectually relieved from its present embarrassed situation.

In the consideration of the subject submitted to your Committee for their examination, some facts have been elicited in relation to Nahant Encampment that we deem important to submit to the Grand Encampment for their consideration. It appears that on the last regular meeting in June, Nahant Encampment adjourned from Lynn to East Boston, where adjourned meetings have since been held, Brothers admitted to membership and initiated, and have therefore virtually removed said Encampment from its original location to East Boston, and as your Committee conceive, in direct violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Order.

It has been offered as an excuse for these proceedings, that P. H. P. Bassett visited Lowell, waited upon the G. Patriarch and solicited a dispensation for the removal of the Encampment from Lynn to East Boston, and although this request was refused, the G. Patriarch gave it as his *individual* opinion that the Encampment might legally adjourn its meetings to East Boston, and further if he was a member of said Encampment, he would vote so to adjourn.

Your Committee cannot close this Report, without giving it as their decided opinion, that the adjournment of the meetings of Nahant Encampment, from Lynn to East Boston is illegal, and that they could



with equal propriety have been adjourned to a neighboring State as to the place where now held.

Your Committee are also of the opinion, that the present Officers of said Encampment have been illegally installed, and that the Brothers initiated at the adjourned meetings held at East Boston, have been illegally admitted, and are not at the present time qualified members of the Patriarchal branch of the Order. In view of all the facts and circumstances in the case, your Committee beg leave to submit the sub-joined Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the membership of such Brothers as have been initiated into Nahant Encampment at the adjourned meetings held at East Boston, be confirmed by this Grand Encampment.

✓ *Resolved*, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that the Board of Grand Officers be authorized to take all necessary measures to remove Nahant Encampment from Lynn to East Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID AYERS,  
JOHN P. PATTEE,  
W. A. HERSEY.

*Voted*, To accept the Report and adopt the Resolutions.

The Certificate of P. H. P. N. B. Favor of Monomake Encampment, No. 4, was accepted, whereupon he was instructed in the ante-room in the Grand Encampment degree, by the Grand High Priest, and was admitted and took his seat as Representative in this Grand Encampment.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Wachusett Encampment, submitted the following Report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of I. O. of O. F. of Mass.*

Your Committee on the Petition of Wachusett Encampment, having attended to the duties assigned them, Report :—

That on investigating the facts in the several cases wherein it is alleged that Tri-Mount and Massasoit Encampments, wrongfully and illegally, elected, initiated, and exalted certain persons, it appears that said Encampments acted under dispensations from the Grand Patriarch. Your Committee are of the opinion that they should consequently be

exonerated from all censure for said acts ; and would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

WM. BASSETT,

FRANKLIN WILLIAMS.

*Boston, Aug. 4th, 1847.*

A motion was made to accept and adopt the Report. The question being put ; " Will the Grand Encampment accept and adopt the Report ? " The Yeas and Nays were required and appeared as follows :

YEAS :—W. E. P. Haskell, C. H. White, D. Hall, C. D. Strong, R. Wheeler, J. Newmarch, A. N. Lewis, D. W. Alvord, C. A. Stewart, C. R. Parsons, C. P. Hussey, G. B. Davis, I. Allen, W. T. Davis, H. Williams, J. B. Frost, Jr., G. Tyler, N. A. Thompson, J. McClellan, C. A. Smith, D. Ayers, J. F. Locke, J. S. Wells, W. Ellison, H. Prince,—25.

NAYS :—R. C. Brown, C. C. Hewes, Wm. Tozer, N. B. Favor, J. C. Scott, A. H. Keith, A. Case, A. J. Morton, J. St. C. Wilson, A. B. Ingalls, G. T. Barney, J. McLeish, Joseph Wells, F. M. Kittredge, A. J. Hersey, N. Y. Culbertson, H. Lord, L. Wyman, Jr., B. H. Davis, A. L. Barrett,—20.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to Grey Lock Encampment, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report, as relates to Grey Lock Encampment, and also the petition of D. J. Lewis, and others, requesting the removal of said Encampment from Pittsfield to North Adams, have attended to their duty and beg leave to Report :

That such a state of feeling seems to exist between the members of this Encampment, as would seem to call for the interposition of this

Grand Encampment, and it farther appears to your Committee, that if a judicious course of action were taken in the premises, the whole matter may be amicably adjusted, to the satisfaction of all the parties interested. Your Committee therefore recommend, that this Grand Encampment delegate a Committee of one member of this Grand Encampment, to visit Grey Lock Encampment, and endeavor to settle the controversy now existing on equitable terms.

All of which is submitted,

WENDELL T. DAVIS,  
E. W. HOWE,  
C. H. WHITE.

*Voted,* To lay the Report on the table until after the Installation of the Grand Officers.

The Committee on the petition from Middlesex Encampment, reported as follows :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Middlesex Encampment, respectfully report :

That by the alleged fault, of an individual, the members of Middlesex Encampment were prevented from presenting their objections to the petition in favor of the removal of Monotony Encampment to Medford. This removal has not yet been made. Your Committee are in the unfortunate position, of being well satisfied that the facts presented to them require a thorough examination, but they are not sufficiently authenticated to authorize definitive action by the Committee. The prosperity of two Encampments seems to be involved in the investigation, which for that reason should be thoroughly made. Your Committee therefore recommend that the whole subject be referred to the Board of Grand Officers, who at the earliest day shall hear the parties, and shall finally determine the whole matter.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
A. D. McCOY,  
F. M. KITTREDGE.

*Voted,* To accept the Report, and adopt the recommendation.

P. G. Patriarch Wm. Ellison then installed the Officers Elect into their respective Chairs, viz :

Pat. SAMUEL WELLS,	Grand Patriarch.
“ ALBERT CASE,	Grand High Priest.
“ WENDELL T. DAVIS,	Grand Senior Warden.
“ WM. H. JONES,	Grand Scribe.
“ JOS. NEWMARCH,	Grand Treasurer.
“ J. McCLELLAN,	Grand Junior Warden.
“ J. F. LOCKE,	Grand Sentinel.

The Report of the Committee upon Grey Lock Encampment was then taken from the table. A motion was made to adopt the Report. Patriarch Strong moved to amend by striking out of the Report all after the word “recommend,” and insert the following :—“ That a Committee of one from this Grand Encampment be appointed to visit Grey Lock Encampment, and endeavor to settle the controversy now existing on equitable terms, and report his doings to the Board of Grand Officers, and if he shall not be successful, that they shall have full power to act and dispose of the whole matter as they may think proper.”

On motion, the amendment was adopted.

*Voted*, To adopt the Report as amended.

*Voted*, That G. H. P. Albert Case, be the Committee.

The Committee on the state of the Finances submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Finances of the Grand Encampment Report :—

That the fact is well sustained, that the income of the Grand Encampment is insufficient for its ordinary expenditure. Your Committee cannot at this time, readily perceive any particular mode of relief other than to increase the per centage of Subordinates. They recom-

mend therefore the adoption of the amendment proposed at the last Session, viz :—that Art. 6, Sec. 5th, of the Constitution be amended by fixing the dues at ten per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
J. NEWMARCH.

On motion,

*Voted*, That the Grand Officers be authorized to borrow for the use of this Grand Encampment, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

G. H. P. Case offered the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due, and hereby tendered to our Past Grand Patriarch, Ithamar W. Beard, Esq., for the very able and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over this body, and performed the duties of his high office during the year past.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be hereby tendered to our Past Gr. M. E. High Priest, Rev. B. H. Davis, for the faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his important office during the year.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

DR. JOSEPH NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the*  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, I. O. O. F.

1847. Feb. 1.	To cash on hand, - - - -	\$236 40
July 29.	To cash received of Grand Scribe, -	100 00

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\$336 40

CR. 1847. Aug. 4.	By bills paid, - - - -	\$103 68
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DR.	Aug. 4.	To Cash on hand, - - - -	\$232 72
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J. NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer.*

*Voted*, To pay the O. Sentinel two dollars for his services.

The following Resolution offered by P. G. P. Ellison, was adopted.

*Whereas*, P. G. H. P. Newell A. Thompson, a Representative from this Grand Encampment in the Grand Lodge of the United States, having been elected Deputy Grand Sire of that worthy body, and in consequence thereof resigned the nomination for the Office of Grand Representative;—Therefore

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be presented to P. G. H. P. Thompson, for the valuable services he has rendered this body as one of its Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and this Resolution is offered as a testimonial of our confidence in him as a brother and a man.

On motion, at half past 6 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe*.

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*August 6, 1847.*

The M. W. G. Patriarch appointed the following Patriarchs, the

*Committee on Finance.*

Pat. WM. E. PARMENTER,

“ WM. ELLISON,

“ HORACE WILLIAMS.

Attest :

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Secretary*.

*Districts, and District Deputy Grand Patriarchs of Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. G. Encampment of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

No.	Name of Encampment.	District.	Location.	D. D. G. Patriarchs.
1	Massasoit,	1	Boston,	Raymond Cole,
2	Tri-Mount,	2	do,	Wm. Ellison,
3	Menotomy,	3	West Cambridge,	John J. Eaton,
4	Monomake,	4	Lowell,	Hargreaves Lord.
5	Bunker Hill,	5	Charlestown,	W. W. Pierce.
6	Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Charles Sampson.
7	Merrinack,	7	Newburyport,	Dexter Dana.
8	Annawan,	8	New Bedford,	I. C. Taber.
9	Middlesex,	9	Malden,	A. L. Barrett.
10	Wachusett,	10	Worcester,	Albert Case.
11	Nahant,	11	East Boston,	Charles H. White.
12	Shâlôm,	12	Roxbury,	Ira Allen.
13	Naumkeag,	13	Salem,	Wm. Archer, Jr.
14	Naomi,	14	Taunton,	E. Dawes Tisdale.
15	Mt. Holyoke,	15	Northampton,	Amos H. Bullen.
16	Wanackmamack,	16	Nantucket,	A. J. Morton.
17	Lowell,	17	Lowell,	Thomas Barr.
18	Wompatuck,	18	Hingham,	W. A. Hersey.
19	Howard,	19	Attleborough,	George H. Dodge.
20	Quinshepaug,	20	Milford,	B. H. Davis.
21	Grey Lock,	21	Pittsfield,	C. A. Stewart.
22	Charles River,	22	Cambridge,	A. Burlingame.
23	Samaritan,	23	Chelsea,	Eben. Francis.
24	Mt. Hebron,	24	North Stoughton,	Wm. Tozer.
25	Agawam,	25	Springfield,	James M. Thompson.
26	Metacomet,	26	Fall River,	A. D. McCoy.

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the term ending June 30, 1847.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Percentage due Grand Encampment.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	6	9	...	1	5	4	21	...	...	21	244	\$514 85	\$ 3 75
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do.	do.	19	19	...	...	1	...	5	...	1	57	235	750 75	10 80
Menotomy, . . .	3	W. Cambridge,	Middlesex,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	37	75 50	60
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	do.	4	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	12	110	318 75	2 40
Bunker Hill, . . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	3	3	1	1	3	...	*1	...	...	9	125	252 41	1 95
Mt. Washington,	6	S. Boston,	Suffolk,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	77	167 50	60
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	11	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	68	218 62	6 60
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	50	129 25	3 60
Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	Middlesex,	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	55	93 00	1 20
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	54	141 79	4 20
Nahant, . . .	11	Lynn,	Essex,	8	9	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	25	45	134 31	5 80
Shalón, . . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	5	5	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	15	61	228 86	3 00
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	60	73 25	3 60
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	4	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	12	55	127 76	2 40
Mt. Holyoke, . . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	46	166 95	6 00
Wanaknamack, . . .	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	14	14	...	13	1	...	...	...	...	42	26	261 25	9 00
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	36	142 86	4 80
Wompatuck, . . .	18	Hingham,	Plymouth,	14	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	39	241 80	8 40
Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough,	Bristol,	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	34	84 88	2 40
Quinshepaug, . . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,	11	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	31	142 75	6 60
Grey Lock . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	7	7	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	21	23	103 48	4 40



# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Percentage due Grand Encamp- ment.
Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	36	\$ 62 00	\$ 3 00
Samaritan, . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	5	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	15	45	125 69	3 40
Mt. Hebron, .	24	N. Stoughton,	Norfolk,	24	24	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	72	32	331 50	14 55
Agawam, . . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	35	33	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	103	53	478 40	21 45
Metacomet, . .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	23	23	...	7	...	...	†1	...	...	69	29	276 00	13 80
Total, . . .	26			243	239	3.	38	17	4	37		2	773	1706	\$5649 16	\$ 148 30

\* Ebenezer Parker, suspended in Subordinate Lodge for non-payment of dues.

† Robert S. Gibbs, voluntarily withdrawn from the Order.

# NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.

No.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1	Judson Murdock,	Dexter Bowker,	Geo. H. Foote,	A. S. Ferguson,	J. G. Morse,	R. M. Baker.
2	Wm. A. Bell,	H. L. Devereux,	Geo. P. Geer,	Wm. H. Parker,	R. W. Hall,	W. P. Baker.
3	Paul F. Dodge,	Ichabod Fessenden,	Josiah H. Russell,	Moses Morse,	James H. Shephard,	J. B. Hartwell.
4	Lucius A. Cutler,	E. G. Richardson,	Eliphlet Hills,	Jonathan Kendall,	George L. Putnam,	Francis Perkins.
5	Caleb Rand,	Elbridge Brown,	George Fuller,	J. A. D. Worcester,	John A. Smith,	Noah Butts.
6	Moses G. Thomas,	Thomas Hill, Jr.	Joseph D. Green,	James McFarland,	B. Raynolds,	George Page.
7	Jos. W. Sargeant,	Enoch Gerrish, Jr.	John Coombs,	Geo. T. Granger,	Dexter Dana,	Moses Hale.
8	Edward Stetson,	Jacob L. Porter,	Seth Russell,	Wm. L. Gerrish,	Jackson Lewis,	R. W. Raymond.
9	David R. Kelsey,	Lewis Fisher, Jr.	E. Robinson,	John C. Edwards,	W. H. Richardson,	Charles Lewis.
10	W. C. Barbour,	Charles F. Wilson,	Nelson Sanger,	W. A. Ayres,	E. N. Tucker,	E. M. Hoeman.
11	R. G. Usher,	D. J. Newhall,	G. C. Todd,	S. F. Barrett,	G. M. Burnham,	George Harridan.
12	S. H. Willis,	A. W. Folsom,	Alden Graham,	T. W. Capen,	Jos. Bugbee,	Joseph Byron.
13	Walter S. Harris,	Robert P. Clough,	James Kimball,	Simeon Flint,	Jonathan Perley, Jr.	James H. Conrey.
14	Lawson Blood,	B. H. Brown,	Nath. Richmond,	Sylvanus Thayer,	Wm. H. Ingalls,	D. S. Dickerman.
15	Thomas W. Ripley,	Richard Cheney,	Charles W. Hawkes,	Enos Parsons,	Charles F. Smith,	H. K. Starkweather.
16	Henry C. Worth,	Charles B. Mitchell,	George F. Worth,	Jos B. Lawrence,	Rich'd Mitchell, Jr.	James H. Barker.
17	Gilbert Ferrin,	J. C. Caryl,	Charles Morrell,	W. H. Clemence,	Chas. B. Richmond,	Wm W. Curtis.
18	Henry Siders,	Joel B. Seymour,	Robt. T. P. Fiske,	John R. Corbett,	James Beal,	John Todd.
19	H. M. Richards,	Benj. F. Hammar,	Harvey E. Clap,	Geo. B. Davenport,	Thaddeus Phelps,	Leonard Holmes.
20	Charles S. Landers,	Elias Whitney,	O. Underwood,	A. H. Fisher,	R. P. Harrington,	Sullivan Sumner.
21	M. B. Bryant,	W. H. Warner,	D. W. McElwain,	J. Ostrander, Jr.	Edgar M. Brown,	Willard M. Mitchell.
22	Ed. M. Livermore,	Adam C. Smith,	Leonard Lyon,	Thomas J. Leland,	Isaac P. Valentine,	Thomas G. Hovey.
23	Samuel A. Cushing,	Robt. Davidson,	Wm. R. Pearmain,	H. K. W. Palmer,	Charles Howard,	Wm. Munroe.
24	Luther Hayden,	Wm. Hayden,	Win. Page,	Ahira Porter,	Jefferson Fitts,	Jedidiah Tucker.
25	Wm. Hankerson,	S. D. Holman,	H. F. Gardner,	Benj. K. Bliss,	George Smith,	James Willson.
26	George G. Lyon,	Thomas T. Potter,	Perry Gifford,	Henry Lyon,	H. N. Gunn,	John B. Hathaway.

**ANNUAL REPORT of the R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing July 1, 1846, and ending June 30, 1847.**

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts is composed of 145 Patriarchs, and has under its jurisdiction 26 working Encampments.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where Held.	Time of Meeting.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	P. C. Pat'hs.	P. H. Priests.	Contributing Patriarchs.	Revenue.	Names of Past Grand Patriarchs.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	1st and 3d Friday,	18	1	1	13	12	30	...	...	8	7	244	982 06	Daniel Hersey,
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do,	" " Monday,	46	..	6	30	..	*7	...	3	7	6	235	1626 85	Hezekiah Prince,
Menotomy, . . .	3	W. Cambridge,	2d and 4th Friday,	3	..	..	13	..	...	...	..	7	6	37	149 25	William Ellison.
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	" " Thursday	13	..	..	9	..	...	...	1	7	4	110	607 98	
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	1st and 3d Wednesday	13	1	1	7	..	1	...	..	8	6	125	546 30	
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	2d and 4th Thursday	6	..	..	1	..	...	...	..	6	6	77	395 91	
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	" " Monday,	21	..	1	1	..	...	...	..	4	3	68	412 23	
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	" " Friday,	14	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	3	3	50	239 25	
Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	" " Thursday	4	..	1	..	..	2	...	..	3	3	55	122 00	
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	" " "	14	..	..	7	..	...	...	..	4	3	54	297 39	
Nahant, . . .	11	Lynn,	" " Wednesday	12	..	4	2	..	...	1	..	3	3	45	202 31	
Shaloin, . . .	12	Roxbury,	1st and 3d Friday,	7	..	..	1	..	3	...	1	2	3	61	317 36	
Naunkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	2d and 4th Thursday	13	..	..	..	..	...	1	..	1	3	60	158 75	
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	1st and 3d Friday,	10	..	1	..	..	...	...	..	2	2	55	278 01	
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	" " Thursday	16	..	..	24	..	...	...	..	3	2	46	261 53	
Wanackmamack,	16	Nantucket,	2d and 4th "	14	..	13	1	..	...	...	..	..	..	26	261 25	
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	1st and 3d "	25	1	11	..	..	...	...	..	2	1	36	352 86	
Wompatuck, . .	18	Hingham,	2d and 4th Monday,	32	..	7	..	..	...	...	..	1	1	39	460 64	
Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough,	" " Thursday	26	..	8	..	..	...	...	..	1	1	34	363 15	
Quinshepaug, .	20	Milford,	1st and 3d "	23	..	8	..	..	...	...	..	1	1	31	310 12	
Grey Lock, . .	21	Pittsfield,	" " Friday,	16	2	1	2	..	...	...	..	..	..	23	219 48	

Continuation of Annual Report.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where Held.	Time of Meeting.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	P. C. Pat'hs.	P. H. Priests.	Contributing Members.	Revenue.
Charles River,	22 Cambridge,	2d and 4th Tuesday,	14	22	22	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	36	\$ 185 25
Samaritan,	23 Chelsea,	1st and 3d Thursday,	35	11	11	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	45	512 86
Mt. Hebron,	24 Stoughton,	2d and 4th "	24	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	331 50
Agawam,	25 Springfield,	" "	35	18	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	478 40
Metacomet,	26 Fall River,	1st and 3d Monday,	23	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	276 00
			477	5	129	113	12	44	2	6	77	68	1706	\$ 10,348 69

\* G. F. T. Reed, D. N. Pickering, Jr., and † Robert S. Gibbs have voluntarily withdrawn from the Order.

**ANNUAL REPORT of Relief of the Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. G.**  
*Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., showing the Relief for the year commencing July 1, 1846, and ending June 30, 1847.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Number of Patritarchs Relieved.	Number of Widowed families re- lieved.	Number of Patritarchs buried.	Amount paid for relief of Patritarchs.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for educating orphans,	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total Amount.
Massasoit,	1	20	...	...	\$ 156 63	...	...	...	\$ 156 63
Tri-Mount,	2	35	...	3	937 32	...	...	\$60 00	997 32
Menotomy,	3	4	...	...	48 00	...	...	...	48 00
Monomake,	4	29	1	1	320 44	15 00	...	...	335 44
Bunker Hill,	5	22	...	...	184 00	...	...	...	184 00
Mt. Washington,	6	12	...	...	208 27	...	...	...	208 27
Merrimack,	7	10	...	...	125 99	...	...	...	125 99
Anawan,	8	1	...	...	4 00	...	...	...	4 00
Middlesex,	9	00	00	00	000 00	0 00	0 00	00 00	000 00
Wachusett,	10	7	...	...	69 00	...	...	...	69 00
Nahant,	11	2	...	...	9 00	...	...	...	9 00
Shalón,	12	6	...	1	132 00	...	...	20 00	152 00
Naumkeag,	13	00	00	00	000 00	0 00	0 00	00 00	000 00
Naomi,	14	1	...	...	6 00	...	...	...	6 00
Mt. Holyoke,	15	1	...	...	5 14	...	...	...	5 14
Wanackmamack,	16	00	00	...	000 00	0 00	0 00	00 00	000 00
Lowell,	17	5	...	...	63 00	...	...	...	63 00
Wompatuck,	18	00	00	...	000 00	0 00	0 00	00 00	000 00
Howard,	19	3	...	...	42 00	...	...	...	42 00
Quinsbepaug,	20	1	...	...	6 00	...	...	...	6 00
Grey Lock,	21	00	00	00	000 00	0 00	0 00	00 00	000 00

*Continuation of Relief Report.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Number of Patriarchs Relieved.	Number of Widowed families re- lieved.	Number of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for educating orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total Amount.
Charles River, . . . . .	22	2	...	...	\$ 21 00	...	...	...	\$ 21 00
Samaritan, . . . . .	23	1	...	...	6 00	...	...	...	6 00
Mt. Hebron, . . . . .	24	4	...	...	36 00	...	...	...	36 00
Agawam, . . . . .	25	1	...	...	6 00	...	...	...	6 00
Metacomet, . . . . .	26	00	00	00	00 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	00 00
	26	167	1	5	\$ 2385 79	\$ 15 00	0 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 2480 79

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**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON, FEBRUARY 2, 1848.**



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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION .

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

I. O. OF O. F.

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OASIS HALL, *February 2d, 1848,*  
*9½ o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled at its Semi-Annual Session. Present,—

SAMUEL WELLS,	<i>M. W. Grand Patriarch.</i>
ALBERT CASE,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
WENDELL T. DAVIS,	<i>R. W. Grand Senior Warden.</i>
WM. H. JONES,	<i>R. W. Grand Scribe.</i>
JOHN MCCLELLAN,	<i>R. W. Grand Junior Warden.</i>
WM. ELLISON,	<i>R. W. Grand Representative.</i>
JOHN F. LOCKE,	<i>W. Grand Sentinel.</i>

And a large representation from the Encampments within the jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

On motion of Grand Rep. Ellison it was

*Voted*, That the reading of the Proceedings of the August Session 1847, be dispensed with, and the Records approved.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed P. G. Patriarch Prince, Patriarchs Barr and B. H. Davis, a committee to

examine the returns of Subordinate Encampments and certificates of Representatives.

The Committee appointed at the August Session, 1847, to draft a form of Charter for the Subordinate Encampments, in lieu of the dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, reported that they had ascertained from the Grand Secretary of the G. L. U. S. that Grand Encampments had no authority to adopt any form of charter other than the form authorized by the G. L. U. S., and submitted the letter of the R. W. G. Secretary of the G. L. U. S. as authority. Report accepted.

Grand Rep. Ellison submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned, Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., would beg leave to offer for the consideration of this Body a synopsis of such of the proceedings of the legislative head of the order, at its last session, as seems to affect particularly the Patriarchal department of our association. The Annual Communication of the G. Lodge of the U. S. commenced at Baltimore, on Monday the 20th of Sept. last, and continued in session until the following Saturday evening. On the 2d day of the session, the Committee on the state of the Order reported that the Grand Encampment Degree could only be conferred during the session of a Grand Encampment, and that it should be regularly given in the Hall in which the Grand Encampment is assembled; but by special permission, and to prevent the cessation of other business, it may be given in some contiguous room. The Report and Resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge of the U. S. thereby refusing to sanction the practice, said to prevail, in some jurisdictions, which empowers D. D. G. P.'s with authority to confer the Grand Encampment Degree. The same committee reported "upon a Resolution to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the use of prayer in Subordinate Encampments," That under the law as it now stands, it is discretionary with the Encampment to use prayer or not, at the opening and closing; but in the conferring of the Degrees, the

prayers are an integral part of the work, and cannot be abandoned without destroying its symmetry. The same committee reported that the Constitution of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments and *all amendments* thereto, must be submitted to the Grand Lodge of the U. S. for examination; if approved, they of course, become the organic law; if error be found, the error must be corrected; but in the interval between the adoption of the constitution or amendments, and its confirmation by the Grand Lodge of U. S., it is binding upon the body by which it has been adopted. The same committee also reported upon a question proposed by the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, that a member of an Encampment who withdraws from his Lodge, loses his membership in his Encampment, if he does not renew his membership in a subordinate Lodge within one month from the date of his card, but upon renewing his membership in a Subordinate Lodge within the limited time his membership in the Encampment is *ipso facto* renewed, and if the Patriarch desire to withdraw he must pursue the usual course, and also that where a Patriarch loses his membership in an Encampment, it shall be the duty of the proper officers of said Encampment to furnish said Patriarch with a regular withdrawal card, provided said Patriarch was in good standing and complied with the regulations of said Encampment touching said cards. The same committee also reported that under the 30th By-law of the Grand Lodge of U. S. it is competent for an individual who is a member of a Lodge in one State to attach himself to the nearest Encampment in another, provided there be no Encampment in the immediate neighborhood of his Lodge. On the first day of the session the following Resolution was submitted and referred to the Committee on the state of the Order: "Resolved, that the Committee on the state of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of restoring the three months term for Subordinates." On the following Wednesday the committee to whom was referred the subject reported a Resolution, that it was inexpedient to legislate in reference to the term of Subordinate Lodges. With the Resolution the committee submitted a very able Report, presenting conclusive arguments against the proposition so hastily made for a repeal. The question was taken by Yeas and Nays and the undersigned feeling that they were sent not only to represent Massachusetts, but to act in the national council for the best interests of the whole Order, recorded their votes in the affirmative. It was a source of regret to your Representatives that

they could not consistently carry out the views of their immediate constituents ; but seeing before them a divided duty they acted according to the dictates of their best judgment and the light thrown upon the subject while under discussion, and the views of those whose opinions are entitled to a high consideration. The resolution was adopted, 33 to 29. Your Representatives would beg leave to add that subsequent events throughout the Order have strengthened and sustained the wisdom of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. in adhering for another year at least to the six month term. Rep. Morris of Penn. submitted a resolution that it be recommended to the different State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to appoint one or more competent Brothers whose duty it shall be to visit each Subordinate Lodge and Subordinate Encampment in his district annually, for the purpose of giving instruction in the work as adopted by the G. L. of U. S. at the last session, so as to insure uniformity and sameness throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The special Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments on the subject of the establishment by the Order of a National Seminary of Learning, reported that " inasmuch as a majority of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments have reported adverse to the proposition, the committee would recommend that the further consideration of the subject by the Grand Lodge be for the present dismissed." Article 2nd, Sect. 1st, and Article 3rd, Sect. 3rd of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, was so altered as to entitle all Past Presiding Officers of Subordinate Encampments to the privileges of seats in their State Grand Encampments, and of voting for Grand Officers. The Grand Lodge of U. S. interpreted its 30th By-Law, as prohibiting the initiation of persons in any part or place of their own, as well as other States, distant from their permanent residences, while Lodges and Encampments are located in their immediate neighborhood. The Grand Lodge of the U. S. amended the 25th By-Law, by adopting a Regalia and Jewels for Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of U. S. and for Grand Representatives.

The Committee on the state of the Order submitted a Report, which was adopted, that the J. W. may preside in an Encampment, in the absence of the C. P. and S. W. if the local laws do not prohibit it.—Also, that in the absence of the H.P. if no past H.P. be present, there is nothing in the charge Books or Laws to prevent any R. P. member

from performing all the duties of that officer. The Grand Lodge also amended the By-Laws so as to make P. H. P.'s competent petitioners for a charter for a Grand Encampment.

The most important work of the session was the adoption by the Grand Lodge of the report of the Committee on the digest of the Laws of the Order. After weeks of unremitting exertion and toil on the part of the committee, this valuable work has been presented to the Order in a concise and admirably arranged form. This work will prove most acceptable to the Order and will contribute largely to the preservation of the harmony and unity of our system of legislation. The task of reconciling conflicting decisions, of examining all the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. since its organization, and of wading through such masses of laws and decisions so as to present the fraternity with a reference book, without the objectionable feature of prolixity, could only have been accomplished by the distinguished members of the Order to whom the work was committed. Massachusetts may well share in the honor of that work, by the valuable assistance of a member of that committee, our present able and worthy Grand Master, Wm. E. Parmenter.

From the very able Report of the Grand Cor. Sec'y, it will be seen that the progress of the Order is still onward. The increase of Lodges the last year has been 100 over the increase of the preceeding year—its membership has also increased—its relief expenditures for the past fiscal year amounts to \$302,243,41 cts. The Grand Secretary's Report also presents the Order throughout the jurisdiction, with the exception perhaps of two or three of the North Eastern States, as in a highly flourishing condition. In our own State there seems to be a lack of interest in the concerns of the Order, which detracts from the brilliant reputation Massachusetts has always enjoyed. It is to be hoped, however, as it is expected that this stagnation is rather the result of the unhealthy excitement through which the Order has passed with us, and that it is now consolidating itself into a permanent and healthy tranquility; and while our association is passing through this transition state, it is essential that its members should feel sufficient interest in its welfare to be present as often as possible at its stated meetings. The past history of our institution has been a brilliant record of successful efforts to soften the asperities of our nature, to exalt and purify the human character and to inculcate those virtues which enable men to grapple with, and eradicate, the errors of society. We live in

an age clouded by falsehood, through which the light of truth can hardly penetrate. It is the peculiar mission of philanthropic institutions to dispel this gloom and reveal to the world the broad sunlight of truth. We are bound, therefore, by the ties of a common humanity, not to permit our Institution to be mildewed by the cold breath of indifference and neglect.

Hoping that the interests of this department of our Order have not suffered while committed to the undersigned,

We remain in F. L. and T.

WILLIAM ELLISON, } *Representatives*  
RAYMOND COLE, } *G. L. U. S.*

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual Communication, which, on motion, was referred to Patriarchs E. M. P. Wells, H. Lord, and Hewes, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained, in such manner that they may be separately considered by this Grand Encampment, and of appointing Committees upon its several divisions.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

**OFFICERS AND PATRIARCHS:**—In the kind providence of Almighty God we are again permitted to assemble for the promotion of the principles of benevolence and charity. To visit the sick,—relieve the distressed,—bury the dead, and educate the orphan, are with us, solemn duties; and unless our practice be found in conformity with them, our professions will be but as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

By our works, then, are we to be judged. We fearlessly proffer this test of our sincerity and truthfulness to a gainsaying world. In the cheerful performance of our labors, we feel a conscious rectitude of purpose which opposition cannot shake, and against which unbelief will excite more of our pity than contempt.

We claim not to occupy the same field with the church; each has its appropriate sphere of labor. The peculiarities of sect and controversial theology can never come within our camp; neither can we enter the lists with the partisan for political strife, and debate can never be suffered to mar our happiness or disturb our peace.

Our mission is one of charity and good will to all mankind, and in this form Odd Fellowship becomes one of the best handmaids to

religion, and one of the strongest arms for virtuous action in the government under which we live.

At the close of our last session, a meeting of the Grand Officers was called to hear and determine the matters of grievance submitted to them, between Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, and Middlesex Encampment, No. 9. After a patient hearing, the Grand Officers concluded to suspend, for a season, the removal of Menotomy Encampment to Medford, and recommended the union of these Encampments at some convenient locality, as the most ready way of healing their present difficulties, and prompting the best good of the Order.

Unfortunately, neither the Grand Officers nor individual members of these Encampments, favoring such an arrangement, have been able to accomplish it. The original question coming again before the Grand Officers, at a subsequent meeting, they have concluded no longer to suspend the former action of the Grand Encampment in this matter, and have approved the removal of Menotomy Encampment to Medford. The doings of the Grand Officers, the action of Menotomy Encampment on the subject, and the correspondence, are annexed to this Report, and marked A. B. C.

At our last session, this Right Worthy Body commissioned our R. W. G. H. P. Case to visit Grey Lock Encampment, and endeavor to settle some matters of discontent existing between the members of that Encampment, and report his doings to the Grand Officers for their further action thereon. This officer performed this delicate duty in a manner highly satisfactory to the Grand Officers, and upon his report and knowledge obtained from other sources, the Grand Officers determined that, as at present advised, no further action was needed on their part in the matter.

Before and since the visit of your Commission to this Encampment, complaint had been made to the Grand Patriarch, that some of its officers had been remiss in their attendance upon its meetings, to the injury of the Encampment. On inquiry, however, it seemed to be more a case of misunderstanding and of accident, than of any laches on the part of the officers; and the Encampment having themselves applied such a remedy as they deemed appropriate, no action, except a letter from the Grand Patriarch, seemed to be needed. The report of the Commission, with other papers pertaining to this subject, are annexed, and marked D. E.

In consequence of decisions made by the Grand Lodge of the United



States, at their session in September last, it will become necessary to amend Article II, Section 1, and Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of this Grand Encampment; and also Article 2, Section 2, Clause 3, of the Constitution of the Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction.

Money is said, in a pre-eminent sense, to form the si ewes of war. Experience also teaches us that peace requires its sustaining power; and heaven-born charity often sinks faint and disheartened without its aid. While, therefore, we would secure the greatest good, we must not forgot that this cannot always be attained without sacrifice as well as effort, and whatever burden necessity lays upon us should be borne without murmuring, that our benevolent labors be not hindered, or our usefulness marred.

The resources of the Grand Encampment have heretofore been drawn principally from the fees for charters granted to Subordinates. This source of income can no longer be relied upon, and the per centage on the term dues are insufficient to pay the ordinary expenses of this body. At our last session, we were compelled to borrow money for the payment of these expenses. Whether they shall be met by an increase of the per centage on term dues, by a tax on the Subordinates, or by a capitation tax upon each Patriarch, is for this body to determine. The Finance Committee will report the condition of the Treasury, and recommend measures for placing it in a condition to meet its annual expenses.

Six of the Subordinates have neglected to return their reports to the office of the Grand Scribe in season to be made up in his Semi-Annual Exhibit. By reference to the Constitution, it will be found the duty of the Subordinate Encampments to return their reports to the Grand Scribe, *at least fifteen days* previous to the Semi-Annual and Annual Sessions of the Grand Encampment. A want of punctuality, in this particular, is a cause of no little perplexity to the Grand Scribe, and may need some further provision for the enforcement of the rule. It is also made the duty of the Grand Patriarch, at this session, to make report of the state of the Order under this jurisdiction. This can be but imperfectly done in consequence of the absence of so many of the returns. So far as can be ascertained without the proper documents, it appears that the Patriarchal Order continues prosperous. The laws and usages are carefully observed; harmony reigns in our body, and rest is found in our tent.

SAMUEL WELLS, *Grand Patriarch.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

*Report of the Grand Scribe.*

**DR. WM. H. JONES, Grand Scribe, in account with the GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

1847.	Aug. 2.	To balance on hand,	-	-	-	\$ 58 91
	Aug. 27.	To cash received of N. Y. Culbertson, borrowed on note signed by the Grand Patriarch and Treasurer, dated Aug. 23, 1847, payable in one year,	-	-	-	\$200 00
1848.	Feb. 1.	To cash received, at sundry times, for semi-annual dues, cards, &c., from Aug. 2, 1847, to date,	-	-	206 37	406 37
						<hr/> 465 28
<b>CR.</b>	1847. Sept 2.	By cash paid Grand Treasurer,	-	-	-	\$250 00
	Nov. 1.	By cash paid salary,	-	-	25 00	
	1848. Jan. 31.	By cash paid Grand Treasurer,	-	-	-	100 00
	Feb. 1.	By cash paid salary,	-	-	25 00	
	Feb. 1.	By cash paid expenses of office,	-	-	-	4 48
	Feb. 1.	Balance to new account,	-	-	60 80	
						<hr/> 465 28
<b>DR.</b>	Feb. 1, 1848.	To balance on hand,	-	-	60 80	

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report, which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

The Committee on Finance would respectfully ask leave to present the following report :—

The Committee have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

The Grand Scribe has on hand, - - - -	\$ 60 80
The Grand Treasurer has on hand, - - - -	108 12
Amount due from Massasoit Encampment, - - - -	\$ 7 30
"    "    Tri-Mount    "    - - - -	13 20
"    "    Monomake    "    - - - -	11 75
"    "    Bunker Hill    "    - - - -	1 20
"    "    Merrimack    "    - - - -	60
"    "    Annawan    "    - - - -	16 00
"    "    Middlesex    "    - - - -	6 75
"    "    Wachusett    "    - - - -	5 45
"    "    Nahant    "    - - - -	9 90
"    "    Naumkeag    "    - - - -	5 40
"    "    Naomi    "    - - - -	6 00
"    "    Wanackmamack    "    - - - -	85
"    "    Lowell    "    - - - -	6 30
"    "    Grey Lock    "    - - - -	1 80
"    "    Charles River    "    - - - -	3 00
"    "    Samaritan    "    - - - -	5 10
"    "    Mount Hebron    "    - - - -	1 15
"    "    Agawan    "    - - - -	14 40
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	116 15
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	285 07
Estimated receipts from the Encampments, August, 1848, - - - -	150 00
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Making our assets in August next - - - -	435 07

The liabilities of the Grand Encampment before our next session have been estimated as follows:—

Loan from N. Y. Culbertson, - - - -	\$200 00
Interest on Do., - - - -	12 00
Rent bill to August next, - - - -	50 00
Grand Scribes' salary, - - - -	50 00
Representative tax, - - - -	40 00
Expenses of Representatives, - - - -	100 00
Printing, - - - -	75 00
Outstanding bills, - - - -	25 00
Expenses of D. D. G. Patriarchs and other incidental expenses, - - - -	75 00
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	627 00

Leaving the Grand Encampment in debt at that time \$192 00. To provide ways and means to meet these expenditures, your Committee would recommend that a tax be laid upon each Encampment equal to twenty cents on each and every member, the membership to be ascertained from the returns due February 1, 1848. This will meet the liabilities of the Grand Encampment, and leave a surplus in the Treasury of about \$150 00.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
WILLIAM ELLISON.

*Boston, Feb. 2, 1848.*

A Petition was presented for an Encampment, to be located in the town of Greenfield, to be known and hailed as Green River Encampment, No. 27, which, on motion, was laid on the table until the Representatives were admitted and instructed.

A Petition was presented for an Encampment, to be located in the town of North Adams, to be known and hailed as Wells Encampment, No. 28, which, on motion, was laid on the table until the Representatives were admitted and instructed.

The following Petition from Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, was read, and laid on the table until after the admission and instruction of Representatives.

*Worcester, Jan. 26, 1848.*

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers, and Members of the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of Massachusetts.*

SIR AND PATRIARCHS :—The members of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, I. O. of O. F., located at Worcester, would respectfully represent, that they have repeatedly petitioned your honorable body to interfere in the matter of grievance between said Wachusett Encampment and Tri-Mount and Massasoit Encampments, located at Boston

The grievance having arisen from the fact that said Tri-Mount and

Massasoit Encampments did, contrary to the then existing laws of your honorable body, elect and confer the Encampment Degrees on Brothers residing in Northampton and Greenfield, whose places of residence was nearer Wachusett Encampment than of Tri-Mount and Massasoit Encampments; and we would further represent, that our petitions heretofore laid before your honorable body, have, in our opinion, been disposed of contrary to your own laws and the principles of our Order. Therefore we do respectfully ask you once more, and for the last time, to do us justice, by directing said Tri-Mount and Massasoit Encampments to pay over to said Wachusett Encampment the amount of fees received of said Brothers from Northampton and Greenfield.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

WM. A. AYERS, C. P.,  
ERASTUS N. TUCKER, H. P.,  
CHARLES F. WILSON, Scribe.

*Voted*, That the above be signed by the C. P., H. P., and Scribe, and forwarded to the Grand Encampment.

Attest :

CHARLES F. WILSON, Scribe.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on Elections and Returns beg leave to submit the following report of the returns of Subordinate Encampments, which they have received from the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Scribe, as the result of his examination of said returns, and make no doubt, from their knowledge of his well known correctness, but what they are fully correct.

H. PRINCE,  
B. H. DAVIS,  
THOMAS BARR.

Tri-Mount, No. 2, Nahant 11, Mount Washington, 6, Annawan, 8, Shâlôm, 12, Mount Holyoke, 15, Wompatuck, 18, Grey Lock, 21, Mount Hebron, 24, Metacomet, 26, correct.

Bunker Hill, No. 5, Naumkeag, 13, error in whole number and standing of members.

Quinshepaug, No. 20, Samaritan, 23, error in standing of members.

Massasoit, No. 1, error in whole number and standing of members. Error in per centage, and no date.

Monomake, No. 4, error in whole number and standing of members. Degrees of Patriarchs admitted and withdrawn by card not given. Degree of Brother deceased not given.

Naomi, No. 14, Agawam, 25, error in standing of members and per centage.

Merrimack, No. 7, error in standing of members. Degrees of Brothers withdrawn by card and deceased not given.

Howard, No. 19. No seal.

Returns from Menotomy, No. 3, Middlesex, 9, Wachusett, 10, Wanackmamack, 16, Lowell, 17, Charles River, 22, not received.

*Voted*, That all P. C. P's and P. H. P's who present certificates of having passed the chairs, shall be admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree; but shall not take their seats as Representatives.

- G. H. P. Case offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Encampment be, and hereby are tendered to P. G. Patriarch William Ellison and P. G. H. P. Raymond Cole, R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the very able and faithful performance of their duties, at the session of that body in September last.

*Voted* a recess of twenty minutes.

The time having expired, the Grand Encampment was called to order.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and the nomination of Committees confirmed.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed on the Report of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, respectfully report :—

That this Grand Encampment, at its last session, having referred the cases of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, and Middlesex, No. 9, and also the case of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, to the Board of Grand Officers for their final decision, your Committee suppose no further commitment thereof is necessary.

That so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as relates to the alteration of the Constitution of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments, be referred to Patriarchs Ellison, W. T. Davis, and Dennis.

That so much of the Report as relates to the funds of this Grand Encampment, be referred to Patriarchs Prince, Beard, and Pollard.

That so much of the Report as relates to the neglect of making returns be referred to Patriarchs Allen, Barr, and Wyman.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. M. P. WELLS,

H. LORD,

CHAS. E. HEWES.

The hour having arrived for the admission and instruction of Representatives, the Committee on Election and Returns reported that the certificates of the following Representatives had been examined by them and found correct. The Representatives in waiting who had not been instructed in the G. E. Degree were then introduced by the Grand Junior Warden, and instructed therein.

P. C. P. John Binney, Massasoit Encampment,	No. 1
P. H. P. Dexter Bowker, " "	No. 1
P. C. P. Judson Murdock, " "	No. 1
P. C. P. J. J. Eaton, Menotomy " "	No. 3
P. C. P. J. P. Pattee, " "	No. 3
P. C. P. John Vaughton, " "	No. 3
P. H. P. Thos. P. Pierce, " "	No. 3
P. H. P. D. McFarlane, " "	No. 3
P. H. P. J. H. Russell, " "	No. 3

P. H. P. Ichabod Fessenden, Menotomy	Encampment,	No. 3
P. C. P. Paul F. Dodge,	" "	No. 3
P. C. P. L. A. Cutler, Monomake	" "	No. 4
P. C. P. J. W. Sargeant, Merrimack	" "	No. 7
P. H. P. Enoch Gerrish,	" "	No. 7
P. C. P. Timothy Ingraham, Annawan	" "	No. 8
P. H. P. Jacob L. Porter,	" "	No. 8
P. H. P. W. H. Richardson, Jr. Middlesex	" "	No. 9
P. C. P. Francis J. Tay,	" "	No. 9
P. C. P. David B. Kelsey,	" "	No. 9
P. H. P. Lewis Fisher, Jr.,	" "	No. 9
P. H. P. Charles S. Ellis, Wachusett	" "	No. 10
P. H. P. David J. Newhall, Nahant	" "	No. 11
P. C. P. Rowland G. Usher,	" "	No. 11
P. C. P. Solomon H. Willes, Shâlôm	" "	No. 12
P. H. P. Alonzo W. Folsom,	" "	No. 12
P. H. P. Benj. S. Grush, Naumkeag	" "	No. 13
P. C. P. James M. Cook, Naomi	" "	No. 14
P. H. P. Charles Foster,	" "	No. 14
P. H. P. Wm. H. Brown,	" "	No. 14
P. C. P. Charles K. Hawks, Mt. Holyoke	" "	No. 15
P. H. P. A. H. Bullen,	" "	No. 15
P. C. P. Thos. Barr, Lowell	" "	No. 17
P. H. P. George Ashworth,	" "	No. 17
P. C. P. Warren A. Hersey, Wompatuck	" "	No. 18
P. C. P. Henry Siders,	" "	No. 18
P. C. P. B. H. Davis, Quinshepaug	" "	No. 20
P. C. P. Chas. S. Landers,	" "	No. 20
P. H. P. Elias Whitney	" "	No. 20
P. H. P. W. H. Warner, Grey Look	" "	No. 21
P. C. P. M. B. Bryant,	" "	No. 21
P. C. P. E. M. Livermore, Charles River	" "	No. 22



P. C. P. John Low, Samaritan Encampment	No. 23
P. H. P. Eben W. Lathrop, “	No. 23
P. C. P. Luther Hayden, Mt. Hebron “	No. 24
P. H. P. William Hayden, “	No. 24
P. H. P. John F. Comstock, Agawam “	No. 25
P. C. P. James M. Thompson, “	No. 25
P. C. P. Wm. Hankerson, “	No. 25
P. H. P. S. D. Holman, “	No. 25

In accordance with the vote passed, the following were instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

P. C. P. William A. Bell, Tri-Mount Encampment,	No. 2
P. H. P. H. L. Devereux, “	No. 2
P. C. P. Walter S. Harris, Naumkeag “	No. 13
P. H. P. R. P. Clough, “	No. 13

The petition for an Encampment to be located at North Adams was then taken from the table and referred to G. H. P. Case, Reps. Bullen and Comstock.

The petition for an Encampment to be located in Greenfield was then taken from the table and referred to P. G. P. Ellison, Reps. Warner and Cook.

The petition from Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, was taken from the table and referred to Reps. Ingraham, B. H. Davis and Barr.

An appeal was presented from Patriarch C. P. Gordon of Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2, from the decision of said Encampment in his case, and on motion, referred to Reps. McLeish, Warner and Dennis.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to the Finances, submitted the following report which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's report as relates to the funds of this Grand Encampment, report :

That as action has already been had upon the subject by this Grand Encampment, no further action is deemed necessary by your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. PRINCE,  
ABNER W. POLLARD.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to returns, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and Resolution adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Patriarch's Report relating to "the neglect of several Encampments in not making their returns to the Grand Encampment," would respectfully report :—

That the Encampments in question, having before them in Article 6, Sections 3d and 4th, their duty fully defined, are inexcusable in not having made their regular returns to this Grand Encampment, and for such neglect require the *censure* of this Grand Encampment.

Your Committee would also offer the following Resolution, viz :—

*Resolved*, That each Subordinate Encampment failing to make its returns to the Grand Scribe, at least fifteen days before the meeting of the Grand Encampment, shall be liable to a fine of five dollars for such neglect.

Respectfully submitted,

I. ALLEN,  
L. WYMAN, JR.

February 2, 1848.

*Voted*, That the Grand Scribe be directed to refer the Subordinate Encampments and D. D. Grand Patriarchs to the laws relating to returns.

A Petition was presented for an Encampment, to be

located in the town of Lawrence, which, on motion, was referred to Reps. Parmenter, Tozer, and Bryant.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, submitted a Report, which, on motion, was recommitted to the same Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for an Encampment, to be located at Greenfield, submitted the following Report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Alpheus Stone and nineteen others, praying for a charter for an Encampment, to be located in Greenfield, under the name and style of Green River Encampment, No. 27, would respectfully report :—

That they have heard the parties interested, and find that from the number and character of the petitioners, and from the assurances that, if the charter is granted, they will be abundantly able to sustain themselves, and that there also exist the best feeling and understanding between the Mount Holyoke Encampment and the petitioners,—your Committee, taking all these circumstances into consideration, would respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
JAMES M. COOK,  
WM. H. WARNER.

*Voted, To accept the Report and grant the charter.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of Patriarch Gordon, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of Patriarch Gordon, beg leave to report :—

That they are of opinion that he should have presented the subject of his grievance, with the documents, to the Encampment of which he

is a member, prior to presenting them to this Right Worthy Body; and that it is his duty now to do so. But should he not obtain redress from his Encampment, we would recommend that he present the papers to the Grand Officers, for their final decision.

J. McLEISH,  
LOUIS DENNIS,  
WM. H. WARNER.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the Report on Wachusett Encampment, submitted the following amended Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Patriarchs :—Your Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, beg leave to report :—

That, in their opinion, it is the duty of Tri-Mount and Massasoit Encampments to pay over to said Wachusett Encampment the amount received by them of the Brothers initiated into these Encampments from Northampton and Greenfield, as at that time the law of this Grand Encampment required that Brothers should unite with the Encampment nearest their place of residence. And furthermore, your Committee are of the opinion that if we, as a body, countenance and support Subordinates in the violation of well known laws, we open the way for insubordination on their part, and thus produce a rupture that will be beyond our power to cure.

Therefore your Committee would respectfully recommend that Tri-Mount and Massasoit Encampments be directed by this Grand Encampment, to pay over to Wachusett Encampment, the amount received by them of the individuals from Northampton and Greenfield, for initiation and exaltation, deducting the amount of per centage to the Grand Encampment.

T. INGRAHAM,  
B. H. DAVIS,  
THOMAS BARR.

On motion to adopt the recommendation, the previous question was moved and seconded by a majority of the Grand Encampment. The main question was then put as follows :—“ Will the Grand Encampment adopt the recom-

mentation of the Committee ?"—which was decided in the affirmative,—Yeas 30; Nays 19.

On motion, at half past one o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present,—The Grand Officers and a due Representation.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to the alteration in the Constitutions of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to the alterations of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, and the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, would respectfully report :—

That the Grand Scribe be requested to transmit to the Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction, a copy of so much of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, as relates to the alterations of the Constitutions of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments of the State of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

WILLIAM ELLISON, *for the Committee.*

The following Communication from Patriarchs of Middlesex Encampment was read, and, on motion, referred to Reps. D. Ayers, Cook, and Low.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

We, the undersigned, members of Middlesex Encampment, beg leave to state that the decision of the Grand Officers, relative to the union

of Menotomy and Middlesex Encampments, is not, in their opinion, such a decision as will result in the best good of the parties interested. It is well known that the whole trouble originated in the Menotomy Encampment. They felt that unless they made an extra exertion relative to an addition to their body, they could not sustain themselves. Accordingly, they propose to the members of Harmony Lodge that they withdraw from Middlesex Encampment, and they (Menotomy Encampment) would unite with them at Medford. The Medford members, of course, would acquiesce in an arrangement of this kind, if this could be brought about. They *have withdrawn*, and left Middlesex Encampment, which Encampment never would have come into existence, had it not been that these members agreed solemnly to sustain Middlesex Encampment. We, in short, considered it an unjust *infraction of our rights and privileges*; it is building up one Encampment upon the ruins of another; and it is wholly and totally opposed to the sublime principles of justice and right upon which is reared our temple. We therefore respectfully pray that this decision may be reconsidered and entirely abrogated.

WM. H. RICHARDSON, JR.  
JOHN McLEISH.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for an Encampment to be located in Lawrence, submitted the following Report and recommendation, which were accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of seven Patriarchs, for a charter of an Encampment, to be located in the town of Lawrence, report :—

That they cannot satisfy themselves, from the statements submitted in support of the Petition, that the grant of a charter is at present advisable. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,  
WM. E. PARMENTER,  
WM. TOZER,  
M. B. BRYANT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for an Encampment, to be located at North Adams, reported as follows :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Patriarch M. B. Bryant and six others, for a charter for an Encampment, to be located at North Adams, and hailed as Wells Encampment, No. 28, have given the subject their attention, and report as follows :—

The Patriarchs at North Adams belong to Grey Lock, at Pittsfield, twenty miles from their residence. There are several Lodges in the vicinity of Grey Lock Encampment, which, your Committee believe, will sustain that Encampment, while the prospect of another Encampment being well sustained at North Adams, if instituted, is very good. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted on the application of M. B. Bryant and others, for Wells Encampment, No. 28, to be located at North Adams, as soon as the applicants shall comply with the requisitions of the Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT CASE,  
A. H. BULLEN,  
JOHN F. COMSTOCK.

*Voted*, To accept the Report and grant the charter.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote whereby the Report of the Committee on the Petition for an Encampment, to be located at Lawrence, was accepted and adopted, —which was carried.

On motion, the Report was accepted and laid on the table until the next regular session.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported the certificates of the following Representatives correct. Those who had not received the G. E. Degree were instructed therein in the anteroom by M. E. G. H. P. Case, viz. :—

P. H. P. E. G. Richardson, Monomake Encampm't,	No. 4.
P. C. P. M. G. Thomas, Mt. Washington	" No. 6.
P. H. P. Thomas Hill, Jr.,	" " No. 6.
P. C. P. Wm. C. Barbour, Wachusett	" No. 10.
P. C. P. Edwin Haven,	" " No. 10.
P. H. P. William Webb, Shâlôm	" No. 12.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed P. C. P. Wm. C. Barbour, D. D. G. P. for District No. 10, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of D. D. G. P. Albert Case.

Grand Representative Ellison then instructed the Grand Encampment in the work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Patriarchs of Middlesex Encampment, submitted the following Report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Patriarchs McLeish and Richardson, of Middlesex Encampment, respectfully report :—

That at the last session of this Grand Encampment, the whole subject was referred to the Board of Grand Officers for final adjustment. Your Committee would, therefore recommend, that, inasmuch as the parties have had a hearing before the Board of Grand Officers, and the said Board having determined on the removal of Menotomy Encampment from West Cambridge to Medford, no further action be had in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID AYERS,  
JAMES M. COOK,  
JOHN LOW.



A motion was made to accept the Report;—pending which, on motion of Rep. Ayers, the whole subject was referred to the Board of Grand Officers for final decision.

Grand Treasurer Newmarch submitted the following Resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment celebrate the reinstatement of the Order in Massachusetts, on the approaching anniversary, in June next, and that we invite all Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction to join in the celebration.

*Voted*, To pay the keeper of the Hall three dollars.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Treasurer would submit the following Report :—

DR. To whole amount of cash on hand at

August Session,	-	-	-	\$232 72
Sept. 2. Cash received of Grand Scribe,	-	250	00	
1848. Jan. 31. Cash received of Grand Scribe,	-	100	00	
				<hr/> 582 72

CR.	As per bills paid,	-	-	-	\$474 60
	Feb. 2. Cash on hand,	-	-	-	108 12
					<hr/> 582 72

J. NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer.*

Patriarchs Culbertson and Cook moved the reconsideration of the vote by which Tri-Mount and Massasoit Encampments were ordered to pay Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, the fees for initiating and exalting Patriarchs from Greenfield and Northampton. Motion withdrawn.

Patriarch Culbertson gave notice that on the next meeting

of the Grand Encampment, he should move the reconsideration of the above vote.

On motion, at 5 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe*.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

In accordance with the votes passed at this session, in relation to Returns and the duties of D. D. Grand Patriarchs, (see page 19,) and alterations in the Constitutions of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments, (see page 22,) the Grand Scribe submits the following :—

*Laws of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts relating to Returns  
and the duties of D. D. Grand Patriarchs.*

“**SEC. 3. Returns of Subordinates.**—The Subordinates shall, at the end of each term, report to the Grand Scribe, at least fifteen days previous to the Semi-Annual and Annual Sessions of this Grand Encampment, the names of the Patriarch initiated,—admitted by card,—reinstated,—and of those exalted to the R. P. Degree,—the number on whom Degrees have been conferred,—the names of Patriarchs withdrawn by card,—deceased,—suspended or expelled,—the names of brothers rejected,—the result of the election of officers,—and the amount of all moneys due the Grand Encampment.

“**SEC. 4. Annual Returns of Subordinates.**—Each Subordinate shall, in addition, report at least fifteen days previous to the Annual Session, a complete list of its members, (arranged according to rank in the Encampment,) and also of its work, and the number of Patriarchs relieved, and amount paid for relief.”—*Constitution of Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, Article 6, pp. 9, 10.*

*Extract from the Report of the Committee on Constitutions, adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Session in 1847.*

“Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the alteration of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, Article 2, Section 1 and Article 3, Section 3, in such manner as to entitle all Past Presiding Officers of Subordinate Encampments to the privileges of seats and voting for Grand Officers.

"They would further report, that, by Article 2, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments in the State of Massachusetts, it is left optional with such bodies whether benefits shall be paid to the members. In the opinion of your Committee, the right of a member of the Order to draw benefits is vested, and not optional with the Encampments, further than to deprive him thereof for improper conduct, or for violating their financial laws. They would, therefore, recommend that such alteration be made as will render the benefits imperative."

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*The following Resolution was adopted at the Session of the R. W. Grand Encampment, held February 3, 1847.*

*"Resolved, That each Encampment within this jurisdiction shall prepare and deliver to the D. D. Grand Patriarchs of the District to which it may be attached, a full report of the work of the term, previous to its officers being installed for the succeeding one; such report to be transmitted by the D. D. Grand Patriarch to the Grand Scribe within fourteen days from the date of such installation, and in case he shall fail so to do he shall be fined five dollars."*

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*The following Resolution was adopted at the present session, (see page 19.)*

*Resolved, That each Subordinate Encampment failing to make its returns to the Grand Scribe, at least fifteen days before the meeting of the Grand Encampment, shall be liable to a fine of five dollars for such neglect.*

**WM. H. JONES, Grand Scribe.**

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the term ending Dec. 31, 1847.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Percentage due Grand Encampment.
Massasoit, . .	1	Boston, do.	Suffolk,	4	4	4	....	....	8	8	....	....	12	248	\$256 57	\$ 4 80
Tri-Mount, . .	2	do.	do.	11	10	....	....	2	....	1	....	1	33	245	552 61	13 20
*Menotomy, . .	3	W. Cambridge,	Middlesex,													
Monomack, . .	4	Lowell,	do.	2	2	....	1	1	....	....	....	1	6	111	139 68	2 70
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	3	124	157 37	1 20
Mt. Washington,	6	S. Boston,	Suffolk,	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	78	133 08	1 20
Merrimack, . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	5	6	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	16	70	154 88	6 00
Annawan, . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7	51	104 00	2 40
*Middlesex, . .	9	Malden,	Middlesex,													
Wachusett, . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	54	52 62	1 20
Nahant, . .	11	East Boston,	Suffolk,	8	8	....	1	1	....	....	....	1	24	51	190 50	9 60
Shalôm, . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	....	....	....	9	9	....	11	....	....	....	42	152 96	
Naumkeag, . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	62	24 00	2 40
Naomi, . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	5	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	60	178 74	6 00
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	12	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	36	59	242 82	14 40
*Wanackmamack	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,													
*Lowell, . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,													
Wompatuck, . .	18	Hingham,	Plymouth,	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	3	39	92 00	1 20
Howard, . .	19	Attleborough,	Bristol,	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	36	112 00	2 40
Quinshepaug, . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	35	77 08	4 80
Grey Lock, . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	16	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	48	39	215 00	19 20

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Percentage due Grand Encampment.
Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	37	\$ 101 50	\$ 2 40
Samaritan, . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	4	4	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	12	49	132 84	5 10
Mt. Hebron, .	24	N. Stoughton,	Norfolk,	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	6	33	51 25	2 40
Agawam, . . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	24	26	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	77	359 88	28 80
Metacomet, . .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	34	165 25	6 00
Total, . . .	26			114	119	2	2	16	8	23		6	349	1634	\$3646 63	\$ 137 40

\* No Return.

# *NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.*

No.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1	N. M. George,	A. S. Furguson,	A. B. Ely,	S. B. Krogman,	Nathan Morse,	R. M. Baker.
2	Wm. H. Parker,	Geo. P. Geer,	Lewis Wentworth,	E. P. Dolbeare, Jr.	R. W. Hall,	Wm. P. Baker.
3						
4	Elip. Hills,	J. C. Farnsworth,	Jonathan Kendall,	Robt. J. Garrett,	Geo. F. Tibbetts,	J. C. Jepson.
5	Wm. W. Pierce,	Geo. Fuller,	M. M. Edmands,	Henry Lyon,	Joseph Wells,	Edward Harding.
6	Moses L. Capen,	James McFarland,	John H. Graupner,	Chas. D. Strong,	Chas. Smith,	Amos T. White.
7	John Coombs,	Moses Hale,	E. A. Eaton,	John L. Knight,	Geo. W. Granger,	R. M. Yale.
8	Seth Russell,	Wm. L. Gerrish,	Jas. S. Barney,	Jackson Lewis,	John W. Nickerson,	R. W. Raymond.
9						
10	Wm. A. Ayers,	E. N. Tucker,	S. B. Rawson,	Alfred Chaffin,	Charles F. Wilson,	A. C. Darling.
11	G. C. Todd,	S. F. Barrett,	Thomas Brown,	Leo. Butts,	Geo. Harnden,	Wm. H. Calrow.
12	Geo. D. Davis,	Joseph Byram,	Edwin Garfield,	Benj. F. Campbell,	Alden Graham,	E. W. Cutler.
13	James Kimball,	John W. Rhoades,	Jona. Parley, Jr.	Dennis Rideout,	Robt. P. Clough,	Volney C. Stow.
14	Peter Chick,	Sylvanus Thayer,	Matthew M. Cook,	Geo. E. Shattuck,	A. A. Leach,	D. S. Dickerman.
15	L. I. Washburn,	Enos Parsons,	Justin Thayer,	Jonas W. Smith,	John W. Wilson,	Willard A. Arnold.
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17						
18	R. T. P. Fiske,	James Beal,	Elisha Pratt,	J. K. Corbett,	G. F. Hersey,	Wm. Hobart.
19	Henry E. C. ap,	Geo. B. Davenport,	Daniel Evans,	W. Blackington, 2d.	E. W. Coffin,	Daniel Holmes.
20	Orison Underwood,	Amasa H. Fisher,	Chas. A. Barber,	Clark Partridge,	John Corbett,	R. P. Harrington.
21	Chas. Rule,	Geo. R. Groot,	Wm. D. Axtell,	Jas. M. Rogers,	John C. Parker,	Richard Jones.
22	Leonard Lyon,	J. P. Valentine,	Thos. J. Leland,	Thos. G. Hovey,	H. D. Ward,	P. F. Wells.
23	Wm. R. Pearmain,	Charles Howard,	Jos. P. Howlett,	James C. Bowker,	P. R. Merriam, Jr.	Wm. Munroe.
24	Jedediah Tucker,	Wm. Page,	Ahira Porter,	John A. Mead,	A. Withington, Jr.	Elihu Withington.
25	Addison Ware,	James Wilson,	Geo. W. Wilson,	James D. Brewer,	Aaron Wilbur,	Moses Lyman.
26	Perry Gifford,	H. N. Gunn,	Henry Lyon,	Charles A. Glazier,	E. T. Learned,	J. B. Hathaway.

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**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts.**

**AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON, AUGUST 2, 1848.**

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**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.**  
**I. O. OF O. F.**

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**OASIS HALL,**  
*August 2d, 1848, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment convened at its Annual Session. Present,—

<b>SAMUEL WELLS,</b>	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
<b>HEZEKIAH PRINCE,</b>	<i>Grand High Priest, pro tem.</i>
<b>DANIEL HERSEY,</b>	<i>Grand Senior Warden, pro tem.</i>
<b>WM. H. JONES,</b>	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
<b>JOHN MCCLELLAN,</b>	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
<b>WILLIAM ELLISON,</b>	<i>Grand Representative.</i>
<b>J. F. LOCKE,</b>	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

And a large representation from the Encampments within the jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

*Voted,* That the reading of the Records of the February Session be dispensed with, and that they be approved.

Reps. Tozer and Pollard were appointed a Committee to examine the Returns of Subordinates and Certificates of Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Frost, it was

*Voted,* That the Petition for an Encampment, to be located in the town of Lawrence, which was laid on the table at the

February Session, be taken therefrom, and referred to a Committee of three.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed P. G. P. Hersey, Reps. Davis and Warner.

A Communication was received from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was read and ordered on file.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

*Report of the Grand Scribe.*

DR. WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe, in account with the GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.*

1848. Feb. 1.	To balance on hand,	-	-	-	\$ 60 80
Feb. 24.	To cash, charter fee of Wells Encampment,	-	-	\$ 30 00	
May 20.	To cash, charter fee of Green River Encampment,	-	30 00		60 00
Aug. 1.	To cash, received, at sundry times, for semi-annual dues, tax, cards, &c., from Feb. 1 to date,	-	-	-	431 90
					<hr/> 552 70

CR. 1848. April 10.	By cash paid Grand Treasurer,	-	-	\$157 60	
May 1.	By one quarter's salary,			25 00	
Aug. 1.	By one quarter's salary,			25 00	
Aug. 1.	By paid expenses of office,	-	-	8 25	
Aug. 1.	By postage,	-	-	2 45	
Aug. 1.	By paid J. Newmarch, Grand Treasurer,	-	250 00		
Aug. 1.	By balance to new account,	-	89 40		552 70
DR. Aug. 1, 1848.	To balance on hand,	-	89 40		

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

*Grand Treasurer's Report.*

DR. JOSEPH NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the*  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1848.	Feb. 2.	To cash on hand, - - -	-	\$108 12
	Aug. 2.	To cash received, at sundry times, from Grand Scribe, from Feb. 2 to date, -	-	417 60
				<hr/> 525 72
CR.	1848.	Aug. 2.	By cash paid as per vouchers, -	365 03
		Aug. 2.	To balance on hand, -	<hr/> 160 69

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer.*

A Bill, presented by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, was read and ordered to be paid.

A Communication was received from Cochran, Cole & Co. Read, and ordered on file.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for an Encampment at Lawrence, reported verbally against granting the charter. Report accepted.

Rep. Tay offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

“Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the expenditures of this Right Worthy Grand Encampment.”

Rep. Tay, P. G. P. Ellison and Rep. Haskell were appointed.

*Voled*, A recess of ten minutes.

**Grand Encampment called to order.**

**On motion of Rep. Frost, it was**

***Voted, That the M. W. Grand Patriarch submit his Annual Communication.***

***Grand Patriarch's Communication.***

***To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.***

With devout ascriptions of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the mercy and kindness with which he has crowned another year of our brotherhood; for the peace, prosperity, and happiness which we have enjoyed under our tents; and for the success which has followed our labors in the diffusion of the principles of Odd Fellowship, we would now enter upon another year with new courage, fired with a new zeal, and nerved with a stronger arm.

The Patriarchal branch of the Order in this Commonwealth, as appears from the returns of the Subordinates, embraces *one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven Contributing Members*. During the past year only one member has been expelled. The suspensions have been few, and mostly for non-payment of dues. It is a remarkable fact, that, in this large number of members, only ten deaths have occurred, being about 1 out of 180.

The question of the removal of Menotomy Encampment from West Cambridge to Medford, which, at our last session, was again referred to the Grand Officers for a rehearing and final action thereon, has been carefully considered by that body, and after hearing all parties interested the Grand Officers determined that Menotomy Encampment should be removed to Medford, and it was accordingly removed. The proceedings of the Grand Officers, and their final decree in the premises, are annexed to this Report, and marked A. B.

On the first day of April last, the Grand Patriarch received a letter, under the seal of Wompatuck Encampment, No. 18, dated March 28th, communicating a Resolution of that Encampment touching the matter of the tax imposed upon the Subordinates by the Grand Encampment, at its session in February last past. This Resolution is couched in the following terms, to wit:

***“Resolved, That we, as members of Wompatuck Encampment, stand ready to pay this tax whenever the Clause in the Constitution of***

the Grand Encampment of the United States, or the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, shall be shown to us, which gives the power to levy such a tax."

It will be observed by every one, that the condition precedent to the payment of the tax contained in this Resolution, required the Grand Officers or the Grand Encampment to argue the question of its own jurisdiction before, and to the satisfaction of one of its own Subordinates, as a tribunal and final umpire.

After a careful consideration of the circumstances, the Grand Patriarch addressed a letter to Wompatuck Encampment, stating the pecuniary condition of the Grand Encampment; its ordinary resources and expenditures, and its claims upon its Subordinates for support, with a suggestion, that, if that Encampment were dissatisfied, and wished to contest the right of this Body to impose a tax upon them, they could pay the amount levied upon them under protest, and carry the question up by appeal for the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The only answer received to this Communication of the Grand Patriarch is a verbal one, made by some of the members of that Encampment to one of the Grand Officers, that they had received the letter of the Grand Patriarch, but they wanted "constitutional reasons and not advice."

On the fifth of May, by direction, the Grand Scribe addressed a letter to that Encampment, requesting them to notify the Grand Officer whether they would pay the tax imposed or not. To this letter, an answer was received under the seal of Wompatuck Encampment, dated May 10th, offensive in its terms and contemptuous in its bearing towards your Body and your Grand Officers, and virtually refusing to pay the tax, except upon the condition before mentioned.

The correspondence and statements relative to this subject, were submitted to a meeting of the Grand Officers, holden on the 22d day of May last, who, after examining the same, unanimously advised the Grand Patriarch to suspend that Encampment for their insubordination aforesaid.

On the 22d day of May last, accompanied by P. G. P. Ellison and our Grand Junior Warden McClellan, the Grand Patriarch went to Hingham and into Wompatuck Encampment; and for their insubordination and contemptuous bearing towards this Body, and your Grand

Officers, suspended the same for and during the pleasure of the Grand Patriarch and of the Grand Encampment; and ordered the Chief Patriarch then present to deliver up the work-books of said Encampment to our W. D. D. G. P. Hersey, of that District, and enjoining upon said Encampment not to hold any sessions or do any work, as an Encampment, for and during the term of such suspension.

This act of your Presiding Officer was a painful and most unwelcome duty,—one which he strove earnestly, but unavailingly, to avoid. Had Wompatuck Encampment paid the tax under protest, and in the form of an amicable suit, carried the question to the proper appellate jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of the United States; or had they asked the advice of the Grand Officers, or requested them to point out the authority under which the Grand Encampment acted in the matter, without appending the offensive and contemptuous condition precedent which forms a part of their Resolution, no collision could have taken place between this Body, or its Officers and themselves. These Patriarchs have evidently mistaken their rights, and stand in a false position. The Grand Patriarch is the executor of your wishes; he is bound by his obligation to enforce every law of your Body, nor can any Subordinate, except in a legal and proper manner, refuse obedience with impunity.

The Grand Patriarch would respectfully recommend, that, while you see to it that the authority of your Body be fully vindicated, that a course, mild and conciliatory as their present unfortunate position will justify, be adopted towards Wompatuck Encampment. The correspondence, &c., with the doings of the Grand Officers relative to this matter, are annexed to this Report.

Hitherto Visitation and Withdrawal Cards have been furnished by this Body for its Subordinates, at the cost price paid for them in Baltimore. The Grand Lodge of this State derive a revenue from the sale of these cards to its Subordinates at an advanced price. Whether the Grand Encampment will adopt a similar course, is submitted for your consideration.

To many of the members of this Body, it is probably unknown that the Grand Encampment possesses no banner, to be used in processions and other occasions which may call us before the public. The Grand Lodge has its appropriate banner, and many of our Subordinates make a beautiful display of this emblem of their identity. Whenever the

Grand Encampment is in the possession of funds which can be spared for that purpose, it is recommended that such an appropriation be made as will secure for this Body a good banner.

The Finance Committee will present you their Report, from which it will appear that the Grand Encampment is free from debt, and that there remains in the treasury a small fund to meet future contingencies.

Four only of the D. D. G. P.'s have made report of their doings, to wit, from Districts 11, 13, 20, and 23, from which it appears, that in these Districts the Order is in a flourishing condition, and that they maintain a steady adherence to the landmarks and work of the Order.

Since our last session, two new Encampments, then chartered by this Body, have been instituted. viz. : Green River, No. 27, at Greenfield, and Wells, No. 28, at North Adams, both of which are in a highly prosperous condition.

Permit me, in this my final report, to render to you my most heartfelt thanks for that spirit of kindness with which you have uniformly both borne and forbore with me as your Presiding Officer, for your advice and aid in the performance of my duties.

I return to you the trust committed to my hands unimpaired. Our beloved Order is increasing in its numbers, in the respect of the community, and, may we not hope, in its labors of love and mercy.

SAMUEL WELLS, *Grand Patriarch*.

*Voted*, That the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication be referred to a Committee of three, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained, so that they may be separately considered by this Grand Encampment; and that the Committee have authority to appoint Committees upon its several divisions.

The Grand Patriarch appointed P. G. P. Prince, Reps. C. A. Smith and H. Williams.

The Finance Committee submitted the following Report, which was accepted.



### *Report of the Finance Committee.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and the Reports which these officers have prepared for the Grand Encampment.

The GRAND SCRIBE had in his hands Feb. 1, 1848,	-	\$ 60 80
He has since received,	- - - - -	491 90
		<hr/> 552 70

He has paid the GRAND TREASURER, and for contingent expenses,	- - - - -	463 30
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Leaving in his hands a balance,	- - - - -	89 40
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The GRAND TREASURER had in his hands Feb. 1, 1848,	-	108 12
He has since received,	- - - - -	417 60
		<hr/> 525 72

He has paid for various purposes, for which he has produced vouchers,	- - - - -	365 03
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Leaving a balance in his hands Aug. 1,	- - - - -	160 69
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The funds of the Grand Encampment may be stated as follows:—

In the hands of the Grand Scribe, balance,	\$ 89 40
Paid to him since his Report was made up,	- 62 20
Due from Subordinate Encampments,	- 143 75
In the hands of the Grand Treasurer,	- 160 69
	<hr/> 456 04

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
WM. ELLISON.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported upon the certificates of Representatives;—whereupon it was

*Voted*, To accept their Report, and admit and instruct those who had not received the G. E. Degree.

The Committee notified the Grand Encampment that P. H. P. A. S. Peck, of Mount Holyoke Encampment, No. 15, and P. C. P. J. W. Sargent, of Merrimack Encampment, No. 7, were in waiting in the anteroom to receive the G. E. Degree, and had neglected to bring certificates. Satisfactory evidence having been given that they had passed the chairs in their respective Encampments, it was voted to admit and instruct them in the G. E. Degree, but not allow them to vote.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported upon returns, viz. :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on Elections and Returns beg leave to report :—

The returns from Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27. Correct.

No. 3. Error in whole number and standing of members. Degree of Patriarch admitted by card not given, and no date.

Nos. 7, 12, 13, 16. Error in whole number and standing of members.

Nos. 10, 15, 20, 22, 23. Error in standing of members.

No. 19. Error in whole number and standing of members and percentage.

No. 21. Degrees of Patriarchs withdrawn by card not given. Error in whole number and standing of members, and no record of degrees conferred.

No. 9. Incorrect.

No. 28. All the names of petitioners not given.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. TOZER,

A. W. POLLARD,

The following is a List of Representatives whose certificates have been deposited with the Grand Scribe. Those in italics were admitted and instructed in the G. E. Degree.

MASSACHUSETTS, No. 1.—Daniel Hersey, A. Guild, Hezekiah Prince, W. H. Jones, C. C. Hayden, Wm. Ellison, *J. Murdock*, R. L. Robbins,

C. A. Smith, L. M. Smith, L. Dennis, D. Ayres, A. W. Pollard, S. Prince, J. Binney, J. F. Locke, *N. M. George, A. S. Ferguson, D. Bowker.*

TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.—G. L. Montague, George A. Smith, E. W. Howe, G. P. Geer, J. B. Frost, Jr., E. M. P. Wells, G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereaux, R. Cole, E. Brown, A. Mudge, J. McClellan, E. Tyler, G. Norton, N. A. Thompson, *J. H. Hathorn, H. Williams, W. A. Bell, W. H. Parker.*

MONOMAKE, No. 4.—E. G. Richardson, J. Merrill, A. J. Hersey, I. W. Beard, S. C. Ames, *J. Read, N. B. Favour, H. Lord, F. M. Kirtledge, E. Hills, J. E. Farnsworth, A. Huntington, L. A. Cutler.*

BUNKER HILL, No. 5.—J. Wells, *G. Fuller, C. Rand, I. Cushing, E. Brown, W. Caban, I. Cook, H. P. Fairbanks, W. W. Pierce, A. Waite, N. P. Brooks, G. R. Welch, N. Y. Culbertson, N. Chapin, F. Simons.*

MOUNT WASHINGTON, No. 6.—S. Newmarch, C. D. Strong, *J. McFarland, M. L. Capen, C. H. White, C. Smith.*

MERRIMAC, No. 7.—*Moses Hale, P. K. Hills, Dexter Dana, J. W. Sargent.*

ANNAWAN, No. 8.—T. Ingraham, *E. Stetson.*

MIDDLESEX, No. 9.—W. H. Richardson, A. L. Barrett, W. C. Prescott, J. McLeish, J. H. Waite, F. J. Tay, G. T. Barney, *L. Fisher, Jr., D. B. Kelsey, E. Robinson, C. Lewis.*

WACHUSETT, No. 10.—*C. F. Wilson, A. Case, F. P. Oliver, G. A. Hamilton, Edwin Haven, W. C. Barbour, W. A. Ayres, J. M. Stone, G. C. Taft, C. S. Ellis, C. F. Wilson, E. W. Tucker.*

NAHANT, No. 11.—S. F. Barrett, G. C. Todd.

SHALOM, No. 12.—*J. Byron.*

NAUMKEAG, No. 13.—W. Archer, Jr., I. D. Shepherd, F. Grant, B. S. Grush, *J. W. Rhodes, S. B. Foster, R. P. Clough, W. Saunders, Jr., J. Kimball, J. C. Howard, W. S. Harris.*

NAOMI, No. 14.—J. M. Cook, *S. Thayer, L. Blood.*

MOUNT HOLYOKE, No. 15.—A. H. Bullen, *E. Parsons, A. S. Peck.*

LOWELL, No. 17.—*T. E. Roberts, C. Morrill, M. Lyon, G. Ferrin, J. Gillespie, T. Barr, G. Ashworth.*

**QUINSHEPAUG, No. 20.**—B. H. Davis, J. C. Scott, *A. H. Fisher*, C. S. Landers, A. H. Keith, E. Whitney, *O. Underwood*.

**GREY LOCK, No. 21.**—C. E. Hewes, C. A. Stewart, G. R. Groot, A. J. Lewis, C. Rule.

**CHARLES RIVER, No. 22.**—W. E. Parmenter, T. J. Whittemore, A. C. Smith, J. B. Cook, A. Burlingame, J. Jones.

**SAMARITAN, No. 23.**—W. E. P. Haskell.

**MOUNT HEBRON, No. 24.**—W. Tozer, *W. Page*, *Luther Hayden*, *J. Tucker*.

**AGAWAM, No. 25.**—*J. M. Thompson*, A. Ware, J. F. Comstock.

**METACOMET, No. 26.**—R. C. Brown.

**GREEN RIVER, No. 27.**—*C. Puffer*.

**WELLS, No. 28.**—S. W. Brayton, W. H. Warner, M. B. Bryant, T. Taylor.

The Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on the Report of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, respectfully report :—

That so much of the same as respects Wompatuck Encampment, be referred to Patriarchs Wm. E. Parmenter, B. H. Davis, and Louis Dennis.

That so much as relates to Visiting and Withdrawal cards, be referred to the Finance Committee of the present term.

That so much as relates to the subject of a banner, be referred to Patriarchs Samuel Wells, Wm. Ellison, and C. A. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

H. PRINCE,

CHARLES A. SMITH,

HORACE WILLIAMS.

On motion, it was voted to proceed to the nomination of Grand Officers.

**Reps. Peck and Prescott** were appointed a Committee to assist the **Grand Junior Warden** in sorting and counting the votes.

The **Grand Junior Warden** announced the result of the balloting for candidates for **Grand Officers** to be as follows :—

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	64
Wm. E. Parmenter had	-	-	-	-	41
T. Ingraham,	-	-	-	-	16
H. Williams,	-	-	-	-	4
B. Reynolds,	-	-	-	-	3

And **Wm. E. Parmenter**, **T. Ingraham**, and **H. Williams** were declared candidates for the office of **Grand Patriarch**.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	47
H. Lord had	-	-	-	-	17
C. H. White,	-	-	-	-	16
T. Ingraham,	-	-	-	-	3
C. E. Hewes,	-	-	-	-	3
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	8

And **H. Lord**, **C. H. White**, **T. Ingraham**, and **C. E. Hewes** were declared candidates for the office of **Grand High Priest**.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	62
Addison Ware had	-	-	-	-	23
W. H. Warner,	-	-	-	-	23
F. J. Tay,	-	-	-	-	8
H. P. Fairbanks,	-	-	-	-	5
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	3

Addison Ware not being eligible, in consequence of not having received the G. E. Degree, W. H. Warner, F. J. Tay, and H. P. Fairbanks were declared candidates for the office of Grand Senior Warden.

#### FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	59
Wm. H. Jones had	-	-	-	-	40
W. E. P. Haskell,	-	-	-	-	15
J. B. Frost, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	2
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	2

And Wm. H. Jones, W. E. P. Haskell, and J. B. Frost, Jr. were declared candidates for the office of Grand Scribe.

#### FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	50
J. Newmarch had	-	-	-	-	15
H. Prince,	-	-	-	-	18
Charles Lewis,	-	-	-	-	11
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	6

And J. Newmarch, H. Prince, and Charles Lewis were declared candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer.

H. Prince declined the nomination.

#### FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	58
P. K. Hills had	-	-	-	-	38
W. A. Bell,	-	-	-	-	6
H. P. Fairbanks,	-	-	-	-	5
W. H. Richardson, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	5
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	4

And P. K. Hills, W. A. Bell, H. P. Fairbanks, and W. H. Richardson, Jr., were declared candidates for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

## FOR FIRST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	68
R. Cole had	-	-	-	-	22
B. H. Davis,	-	-	-	-	12
J. B. Frost, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	13
Samuel Wells,	-	-	-	-	8
W. C. Prescott,	-	-	-	-	7
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	3

Reps. Frost and Wells declined the nomination, and R. Cole, B. H. Davis, and W. C. Prescott were declared candidates for the office of First Grand Representative.

## FOR SECOND GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	60
Wm. H. Jones had	-	-	-	-	23
Samuel Wells,	-	-	-	-	14
W. C. Prescott,	-	-	-	-	11
J. B. Frost, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	6
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	6

Grand Patriarch Samuel Wells declined the nomination, and Wm. H. Jones, W. C. Prescott, and J. B. Frost, Jr. were declared candidates for the office of Second Grand Representative.

On motion, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past one o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

A motion was made that the Grand Encampment proceed forthwith to the election of Grand Officers. An amendment was proposed and carried, that the election take place at 3½ o'clock, which motion, as amended, prevailed.

A motion was made that Grand Rep. Ellison instruct the members of the Grand Encampment in the work of the Order, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Prescott, of Middlesex Encampment, asked and obtained permission to read a Protest against the action of the Grand Encampment and Board of Grand Officers, in relation to the removal of Menotomy Encampment.

Rep. Prescott commenced reading the same, when it was objected to, on the ground that it was a personal attack upon the Board of Grand Officers, and disrespectful to the Grand Encampment.

A motion was made to refer the Protest to a Committee of three, which was lost.

Permission was again granted for its further reading. Rep. Prescott then commenced reading, when the same objections being made, a motion was offered to suspend the reading. A motion was made to indefinitely postpone the reading. A motion was made to lay the Protest on the table, which was lost. A motion was made to lay the Protest on the table until after the election of Officers, which was carried.

*Voted, To proceed to the election of Officers.*



*Voted*, That a Committee of eight be appointed to superintend the balloting.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed the Grand Junior Warden, Reps. W. E. P. Haskell, C. Puffer, H. Williams, C. H. White, T. Barr, J. B. Frost, Jr. and W. H. Warner.

It having been ascertained that Rep. Prescott was not eligible to the office of Second Grand Representative, in consequence of his residing out of the State, a motion was made to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy, and decided in the negative.

The Committee appointed to superintend the balloting for Grand Officers, announced the result to be as follows :—

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        60

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        31

Wm. E. Parmenter had 40 votes, and was declared elected *Grand Patriarch*.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        48

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        25

Hargreaves Lord had 33 votes, and was declared elected *Grand High Priest*.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        50

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        26

Wm. H. Warner had 28 votes, and was declared elected *Grand Senior Warden*.

#### FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        52

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        27

Wm. H. Jones had 45 votes, and was declared elected *Grand Scribe*.

**FOR GRAND TREASURER.**

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        46

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        24

Joseph Newmarch had 38 votes, and was declared elected *Grand Treasurer.*

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        43

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        22

P. K. Hills had 28 votes, and was declared elected *Grand Junior Warden.*

**FOR FIRST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        56

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        29

Raymond Cole had 46 votes, and was declared elected *First Grand Representative.*

**FOR SECOND GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

*(On the second ballot.)*

Whole number of votes,        -        -        -        63

Necessary to a choice,        -        -        -        32

J. B. Frost, Jr. had 34 votes, and was declared elected *Second Grand Representative.*

The Protest from the Middlesex Encampment was then taken from the table, and Rep. Prescott was allowed to read so much thereof as he considered contained constitutional objections to the action of the Board of Grand Officers, in the removal of Menotomy Encampment to Medford.

A motion was made by Rep. Joseph Wells to reconsider the vote passed at the last February Session, whereby Massachusetts and Tri-Mount Encampments were directed to pay Wachusett Encampment the fees for initiating and exalting Patriarchs from Northampton and Greenfield.

*Voted*, To lay the motion on the table until the next session of the Grand Encampment.

Past Grand Patriarch Wm. Ellison then installed the Officers elect, viz. :—

WM. E. PARMENTER,	Grand Patriarch.
HARGREAVES LORD,	Grand High Priest.
WM. H. WARNER,	Grand Senior Warden.
WM. H. JONES,	Grand Scribe.
JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	Grand Treasurer.
P. K. HILLS,	Grand Junior Warden.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed Dexter Bowker Grand Sentinel, who was duly installed into office.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed Reps. Horace Williams, David Ayers, and W. H. Parker, Committee on Finance.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to Wompatuck Encampment, submitted the following Report :—

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as relates to Wompatuck Encampment, respectfully report:—

That they find the circumstances of this case to be as stated by the M. W. Grand Patriarch. At the last session of the Grand Encampment, it was ordered "that a tax be laid upon each Encampment equal to twenty cents on each and every member." To the payment of this tax Wompatuck Encampment demurred, not in terms of absolute refusal, but in such manner as to amount to such refusal. The Encampment required of the Grand Officers an explanation of the laws authorizing the imposition of such tax as a condition precedent to its payment. Upon the remonstrance of the Grand Patriarch against this position of the Encampment, and upon his courteous and full instruction of the method to be pursued to remedy any illegality, the Encampment still persisted in its offensive course; and to a Communication,

sent by direction of the Grand Patriarch, by the Grand Scribe, a disrespectful response, reiterating its former determination, was returned by the Encampment. The Grand Patriarch then proceeded, with the advice of the Board of Grand Officers, to suspend Wompatuck Encampment from its rights and privileges as an Encampment.

Your Committee have taken occasion to refer to the laws by which the Grand Encampment is authorized to require the payment of dues by its Subordinates. They find that by Div. IV, Art. I, Sec. 7 of the Digest of Laws of the Order, that the Grand Encampment has authority to require the payment of dues to defray its expenses. This law sufficiently empowers the Grand Encampment to impose its taxation upon its Subordinates, in such measure as it shall find necessary for its support. There cannot be a question as to the legality of the order passed at the February session.

But your Committee are not aware that the legality of the order of the Grand Encampment is at all essential in the determination of this question, and it is only alluded to as showing that the ground of the objection, made by the Wompatuck Encampment, is untenable. It certainly is not the duty of the Executive of this Body to discuss with Subordinates the legality or propriety of the laws and instructions of the Grand Encampment. The supreme authority of the Order has carefully guarded against the abuse of power, by ample and liberal provisions for appeal and remedy, and neither the Officers of this Grand Encampment, nor the Subordinates under its government, have a right to refuse obedience to its enactments until they are pronounced unconstitutional by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In refusing to pay the tax imposed by the Grand Encampment, Wompatuck Encampment has been guilty of insubordination; and the Grand Patriarch, in the exercise of his high prerogative, in suspending the Encampment, has, in the opinion of your Committee, most properly and necessarily vindicated the authority and laws of this R. W. Body.

Your Committee feel bound to recommend the confirmation of the doings of the Grand Patriarch, with a provision which will allow the reinstatement of the Encampment, by an act on the part of its members, acknowledging the incorrectness of their conduct. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:—

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
B. H. DAVIS,  
LOUIS DENNIS.

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment hereby approves and sanctions the doings of the Grand Patriarch, in the suspension of Wompatuck Encampment, and declares that the said Encampment is suspended during the pleasure of the Grand Encampment, provided that the said Encampment, by payment of its dues to the Grand Encampment, and the expenses of the Grand Officers, in their visit for the purpose of the suspension, within three weeks from the time of notice given by the Grand Scribe, shall be reinstated in its full rights.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be instructed to communicate the foregoing Resolution to Wompatuck Encampment; and in case of its non-compliance, to take proper measures to secure the books and property of the Encampment.

On motion, the Report was accepted and Resolutions adopted.

The Committee appointed on that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication which relates to Travelling and Clearance Cards, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication referring to the price of Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, would respectfully recommend that the price of those cards be increased to ten cents each, from and after this session.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
WILLIAM ELLISON.

*Boston, August 2, 1848.*

P. G. P. Case submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be, and are hereby unanimously tendered to Past Grand Patriarch Samuel Wells, for the ability and urbanity with which he has presided over its deliberations, and watched and guarded the interests of the Encampment branch of our beloved Order, during the official year just closed.

A motion was made by G. H. P. Lord, that the Representatives of this Grand Encampment to the R. W. Grand

Lodge of the United States, be instructed to use their influence to procure the restoration of the three months' term;— which was decided in the negative.

The following was submitted by Rep. Prescott :—

I. O. O. F.,

OASIS HALL, Boston, Mass., Aug. 2, 1848.

The undersigned, being a minority of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, respectfully appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the action of the said Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, in the following particulars :—

1st. At the August Session, 1847, and the February Session, 1848, the said Grand Encampment referred the Petition of Menotomy Encampment and others, for leave to remove the location of the said Menotomy Encampment from West Cambridge to Medford,—being out of the vicinity that had before that time been tributary to the said Menotomy Encampment, and within the vicinity that had been tributary to Middlesex Encampment,—to the Grand Officers of the said Grand Encampment for final adjudication.

We appeal from this decision, on the ground that the removal involved the *alteration of a charter*,—a legislative act, which the Grand Encampment could not confer upon any other body the power to perform, since such reference would be a delegation of “*its legislative functions.*”

2d. At the final hearing of the case, in May, 1848, the Grand Officers refused to allow an exception to their competency, taken for the purpose of contesting the same before the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, and “ordered and decreed” the removal aforesaid, which was immediately made. The Grand Encampment sustained the Grand Officers in the aforesaid decision.

We appeal from that decision, on the ground that it is a dangerous assumption of power by the Grand Officers, because it leaves no means of redress to Subordinates and individuals, however gross may be the injuries inflicted by the Grand Officers; thus constituting them “*an independent portion of the governing power,*” and annihilating the right of appeal to that body to which they are accountable, and through which to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

3d. During the said hearing, testimony was admitted that was en-

tirely irrelevant to the case, and which could not be legally or justly allowed, and to which exception was taken at the time.

We appeal from the decision rendered, on the ground that it was influenced by, and in part based upon, the aforesaid extraneous evidence.

4th. During but a small part of the hearing was there more than a quorum of the Grand Officers present; and during a large part of the time there was less than a quorum; and one of the Grand Officers present had prejudged the case, and "*declined hearing any further evidence.*"

We appeal from the decision, on the ground that the absence of a quorum, at any time during the trial, or that the prejudice of one of the judges in the case, whose presence was necessary to form a quorum, were either of them fatal to the decision, because it did not secure to the remonstrants in this case "*a fair and impartial trial.*"

5th. At the session of the Grand Encampment, in August, 1848, Middlesex Encampment asked leave to put in a Protest against the aforesaid action of that body and its Board of Grand Officers. Leave was granted, but the reading was arrested and sustained for alleged personalities.

We appeal from that decision, on the ground that it was a forced construction, as the clause objected to was not uncourteous towards the Grand Encampment, and did not employ language improper to convey a knowledge of the ground of complaint.

AUGUSTUS L. BARRETT,  
WM. C. PRESCOTT,  
WM. H. RICHARDSON, JR.,  
F. J. TAY,  
CHARLES LEWIS.

On motion, it was voted to pay the O. Sentinel four dollars for his services.

On motion, at 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe*.

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of  
Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1847.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contribut'g members.	Amount of receipts.	Pr centage due Grand Encamp- ment.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	2	3	3	...	3	4	20	...	...	7	211	370 10	\$ 2 40
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do.	do.	6	6	...	...	2	...	6	...	...	18	243	504 86	7 20
Monotony, . . .	3	Medford,	Middlesex,	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	40 25	2 00
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	do.	13	13	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	39	125	317 20	15 60
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	123	250 75	2 40
Mt. Washington,	6	S. Boston,	Suffolk,	1	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	76	151 92	1 20
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	9	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	81	227 23	10 80
Anawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	55	133 25	4 80
Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	Middlesex,	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	34	62 00	1 20
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	88 00	1 20
Nahant, . . .	11	East Boston,	Suffolk,	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	9	51	92 47	3 60
Shâlôm, . . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	...	...	...	...	7	2	3	...	...	...	34	147 63	16 80
Naumkeag . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	14	14	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	42	74	258 31	2 40
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	62	129 50	4 80
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	4	4	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	12	43	126 76	2 40
Wanackmamack	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	28	80 00	6 50
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,	5	3	...	1	1	...	7	...	...	13	32	110 75	1 20
*Wompatuck, . .	18	Hingham,	Plymouth,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46 49	2 40
Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough,	Bristol,	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	36	24 00	4 80
Quinshepaug, . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	†1	...	6	36	103 59	2 40
Grey Lock, . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	4	4	...	...	11	...	1	...	...	12	30	...	4 80



# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Percentage due Grand Encampment.
Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	38	\$ 93 00	\$ 1 20
Samaritan, .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	66 74	2 40
Mt. Hebron, .	24	N. Stoughton,	Norfolk,	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	33	77 25	12 00
Agawam, .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	85	228 12	2 40
Metacomet, .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	36	52 91	24 00
Green River, .	27	Greenfield,	Franklin,	20	20	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	60	39	271 04	14 90
Wells, . . .	28	North Adams,	Berkshire,	12	11	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	35	24	165 25	150 60
Total, . . .	28			122	119	1	37	55	7	42	1	4	360	1777	\$4219.37	\$ 150 60

\* Wompatuck, No. 18, "Suspended."

† Expelled by Lodge, cause "Forgery."

# **NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.**

No.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	SCRIBE.	TREASURER.
1	A. B. Ely.	S. B. Krogman.	S. Fifield.	A. Youlin.	Wm. H. Jones.	R. M. Baker.
2	E. P. Dolbeare, jr.	Wm. P. Baker.	Samuel Nicolson.	Wm. M. Nassau.	R. W. Hall.	James E. Rice.
3	Elisha Sietson.	Thos. A. Floyd.	Alfred Ellis.	John S. Emerson.	Nathaniel Tay.	Samuel Clark.
4	Jonathan Kendall.	George F. Tebbitts.	O. J. Conant.	Geo. L. Putnam.	Wm. Clark.	Elisha Thomas.
5	J. A. D. Worcester.	Wm. M. Edmands.	Isaac Wilson.	Warren Tapley.	Joseph Wells.	John Smith.
6	John Davis, jr.	John H. Graupner.	George Page.	Charles H. Reed.	Geo. Godfrey.	
7	Edward Burrill.	Edward A. Eaton.	Amos F. Jacques.	Geo. W. Gerry.	M. H. Sargeant.	Thomas E. Currier.
8	James S. Barney.	Jackson Lewis.	James R. Dunham.	John W. Nickerton.	J. M. Richardson.	R. W. Raymond.
9	Robert Ure.	O. H. Weed.	J. C. Edwards.	Wm. C. Prescott.	W. H. Richardson, jr.	Lewis Fisher, jr.
10	Alfred Chaffin.	Silas B. Rawson.	T. Raymond.	Leonard Pool.	John Mason.	A. C. Darling.
11	William H. Calrow.	Geo. Butts.	Geo. Haraden.	John Davis.	Charles R. Bradford.	Wm. Slater.
12	B. F. Campbell.	Alden Graham.	Asa Wyman, jr.	Asa Wyman.	J. St. C. Wilson.	Joseph Byron.
13	Jonathan Perley, jr.	Simeon Flint.	J. M. Decker.	E. H. Noyes.	Robert P. Clough,	Volney C. Stow.
14	George E. Shattuck.	Matthew M. Cook.	H. W. Coggs shall.	Silas S. Birt.	C. C. Bradbury.	Dan. S. Dickerman.
15	Enos Parsons.	James Thompson.	Wm. C. Prentiss.	James Morton.	John J. Outley.	Webster Herrick.
16	H. H. Jones.	Geo. F. Worth.	Wm. Summerhays.	H. B. Coleman.	Geo. W. Macy.	J. H. Barker.
17	James Young.	E. D. Bean.	J. A. Sawtell.	J. M. Taggart.	I. D. Ashton.	Geo. Ashworth.
18						
19	Daniel Evans.	Wm. Blackinton, 2d	A. C. Tift.	E. W. Coffin.	T. G. Whitney.	Leonard Holmes.
20	Charles A. Barber.	A. G. Walker.	John Corbett.	R. P. Harrington.	Burleigh Morse.	Nathan Doty.
21	Nathaniel S. Dodge.	W. D. Axtell.	Jesse Howard.	Geo. G. Parker.	George R. Groot.	R. Jones.
22	Thos. J. Leeland.	H. D. Ward.	Thos. G. Hovey.	A. Chamberlain.	P. Francis Wells.	Thomas Gault.
23	J. P. Howlett.	Eben Francis.	S. Butterfield.	L. Jazinsky.	Ralph Beatly.	Robt. Davidson.
24	Ahira Porter.	Jefferson Fitts.	E. Withington.	Simeon S. Page.	John A. Mead.	G. E. Monk.
25	Henry F. Gardner.	Geo. W. Wilson.	Wm. Smith.	Franklin Richmond.	Ephraim Harris.	Elphht. Trask.
26	Henry Lyon.	E. T. Learned.	James Ford, 2d.	Geo. W. Stevens.	W. A. Burt.	John B. Hathaway.
27	Thomas W. Ripley.	S. W. Gleason.	J. R. Holton.	Charles Mattoon.	E. J. Carpenter.	Richard Eason.
28	A. F. Wilmarth.	D. H. McElwain.	Edward Taylor.	Wm. S. Blackinton.	Johnson D. Stewart	A. P. Butler.

*Abstract from the Report of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. for the year commencing July 1, 1847, and ending June 30, 1848.*

Number of Initiations,.....	238
“ “ Rejections,.....	3
“ Admitted by Card,.....	42
“ Withdrawn by Card,.....	79
“ Reinstated,.....	15
“ Suspended,.....	74
“ Expelled,.....	1
“ of Deaths,.....	10
“ “ P. C. Patriarchs,.....	121
“ “ P. H. Priests,.....	113
“ “ Contributing Members, .....	1777
Revenue,.....	\$8058 01

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### RELIEF REPORT.

Number of Patriarchs Relieved,.....	133
“ “ Widowed Families Relieved,..	2
“ “ Patriarchs Buried,.....	9
Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs,.....	\$2269 33
“ “ “ Widowed Families,	28 00
“ “ “ Burying the Dead,	210 00
Total amount of Relief,.....	\$2507 33

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Encampment,

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

State of Massachusetts.

AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON, JANUARY 31, 1849.

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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
I. O. OF O. F.

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OASIS HALL, BOSTON, }  
January 31, 1849, 9 o'clock, A.M. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment convened at its Semi-Annual Session. Present,—

WM. ELLISON PARMENTER,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
HARGREAVES LORD,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
WM. H. WARNER,	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
P. K. HILLS,	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>

And a large representation from the Encampments within the jurisdiction.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Scribe, William H. Jones, being absent on account of sickness, it was

*Voted*, That P. C. P. Alfred Mudge be appointed Grand Scribe *pro tem*.

On motion of Rep. Tozer, it was

*Voted*, That the reading of the Records of the last Annual Session be dispensed with, and that they be approved.

Reps. George and P. G. P. H. Prince were appointed a Committee to examine the Certificates of Representatives.

P. G. P. Wells informed the Grand Encampment that P. H. P. Chenery, of Mount Holyoke Encampment, was in the city, and about to embark for California, but had not brought his certificate with him; he therefore offered a motion that P. H. P. Chenery be admitted and instructed, which was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Scribe's Report was submitted, and laid on the table until the Committee of Finance shall have reported.

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

WILLIAM H. JONES in account with GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF  
MASSACHUSETTS, I. O. OF O. F.

#### DR.

1849.	January 3.	To amount received from the Subordinate Encampments for dues and cards, from August 1, 1848, to date,	-	-	\$279.00
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#### CR.

1848.	Sept'r 11.	By cash paid J. Newmarch, Treasurer,	-	-	\$100.00
1849.	January 31.	By two quarters' salary to date,		50.00	
	January 26.	By cash paid J. Newmarch, Treasurer,	-	-	100.00
	January 31.	Incidental expenses of office,	-	2.70	
		Balance to new account,	-	26.30	
					<hr/> \$279.00

#### DR.

January 31.	To balance on hand,	-	-	\$26 80
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*Boston, January 31, 1849.*

The Finance Committee submitted the following Report, which was accepted and referred to a committee of three, to take into consideration the subject matter contained therein. P. G. P. Ellison, P. G. P. Wells, and Rep. Parker.

*Report of the Finance Committee.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts :*

The Committee of Finance respectfully report,—That they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

The GRAND SCRIBE had in his hands, Aug. 1, 1848,	\$89.40
He has received from Subordinate Encampments,	189.60
	<hr/> \$279.00

The GRAND SCRIBE has paid to the GRAND	
TREASURER, - - - - -	\$200.00
His own salary for six months, - - - - -	50.00
Incidental expenses of office, - - - - -	2.70
Cash in hands of GRAND SCRIBE, - - - - -	26.30
	<hr/> \$279.00

The GRAND TREASURER had in his hands, Aug. 1,	\$160.69
Received from GRAND SCRIBE, - - - - -	200.00
	<hr/> \$360.69

The GRAND TREASURER has paid sundry bills,	
amounting to, - - - - -	\$305.80
Cash in hands of GRAND TREASURER, - - - - -	54.89
	<hr/> \$360.69

The assets of the Grand Encampment consist of :

Cash in the hands of the Grand Scribe, - -	\$26.30
" " " " Grand Treasurer, -	54.89
Amount due from Subordinate Encampments, -	109.25

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\$190.44

Among the Subordinates indebted to this Grand Encampment, is Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, which is indebted in the sum of



**\$17.75**, being for cards, tax laid by the Grand Encampment in February last, semi-annual dues, &c., a part of which debt has been due since August, 1845. Your Committee would therefore call the attention of the Grand Encampment to the subject, for such action as your R. W. Body may deem expedient.

The financial affairs of the Grand Encampment are not in so flourishing a condition as we might wish to find them ; and in calling your attention to the subject, we have no hesitancy in saying that the present resources of the Grand Encampment are entirely inadequate to pay its current expenses.

Your Committee beg leave to submit an estimate of the expenses of the Grand Encampment for the current year :

Rent of office, - - - - -	\$100.00
Salary of Grand Scribe, - - - - -	100.00
Printing, - - - - -	100.00
Grand Lodge of the United States Representatives	
tax, - - - - -	40.00
Expenses of Grand Representatives, - -	100.00
Incidental expenses, - - - - -	75.00
Due Grand Lodge of United States for cards, -	25.00
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	<b>\$540.00</b>

To pay the expenses of the Grand Encampment,	
there is in the hands of the Grand Scribe, -	\$26.30
Cash in the Grand Treasurer's hands, - -	54.89
Amount due from Subordinates, - - - -	109.25
Estimated amount of semi-annual dues from Subor-	
dinate Encampments for the current term, -	140 00
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	<b>\$330.44</b>

leaving a deficit to be provided for, of **\$209.56**.

The Committee of Finance are of the opinion that the Grand Encampment will not receive, during the current year, as per centage on initiations in Subordinate Encampments, a greater sum than is set down in the estimate herewith presented—that estimate being based upon the returns for the last term. There is no good reason to hope that for the present term there will be a greater number of new members admitted than there has been during the past six months ; and

unless that number is trebled, there will most assuredly be a deficit to provide for.

Your Committee feel confident that the Grand Encampment cannot longer rely with safety on the per centage on initiations alone, for a revenue sufficient to defray its expenses ; some other source of revenue is absolutely necessary to its existence ; and would, therefore, recommend that the constitution be amended to the effect, that in addition to the per centage now paid by Subordinate Encampments to the Grand Encampment, they also pay fifteen cents per year on each contributing member.

Your Committee herewith submit an amendment to the Constitution to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE WILLIAMS,  
DAVID AYERS,  
W. H. PARKER.

*Boston, January 31, 1849.*

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*Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.*

ART. 6. SEC. 5. Add at the end of the section, "and at the rate of fifteen cents per annum on each and every contributing member."

The Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual communication.

*Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts :*

I extend to you my hearty congratulations upon the occasion of your semi-annual assembling, for the purpose of examining and deliberating upon the condition of the Patriarchal Order in this jurisdiction.

Since the Annual Session, in the discharge of the duties of my office, I have appointed deputies for the several districts, and have performed such other preliminary acts as were necessary for the proper prosecution of the business of the Grand Encampment for the yearly term. In all this I have profited by the efficient assistance and experience of the Grand Scribe.

I regret to make known to you that the Patriarchs of Wompatuck Encampment did not avail themselves of the condition provided at the

last session, upon which it was within their power to become reinstated as an Encampment. Your wishes were made known to them, but they declined compliance. The Encampment is therefore suspended. Owing to some misunderstanding, as I am informed, the effects of the Encampment have not been rendered into the hands of the Grand Scribe.

You will be called upon, at this session, to take measures for the improvement of the financial condition of the Grand Encampment. It is to be desired that this subject should be properly understood; and that, if practicable, the finances of this body be placed upon a certain and permanent basis. I invite your attention to the details submitted by the Finance Committee.

But few of the District Deputies have submitted to me their reports. Such as I have received disclose a highly favorable condition of your jurisdiction. I am persuaded that the state of the Subordinate Encampments generally exhibits health and soundness, although there are but few indications of great activity and increase.

I thus briefly commend to your wise and careful action, at this time, the interests of those for whom you have met to legislate.

WM. E. PARMENTER, *Grand Patriarch.*

*Voted*, That the communication be received and spread on the Records.

Communication from the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, containing the following resolution, was read and placed on file :

“*Resolved*, That it is hereafter necessary that all travelling and other cards shall be countersigned by the Grand Scribe [John I. Davies] of this Grand Encampment; and that all Subordinate members of Encampments now holding cards, be notified by the officers of their respective Encampments, that said cards must receive the signature of the Grand Scribe.”

A communication received from D. D. G. P. William A. Ayres, in relation to fine against Wachusett Encampment ;

the return not being sent in in season, on account of sickness of Br. Ayres ; was read, and on motion

*Voted*, That Wachusett Encampment be excused from paying the fine.

A Petition from ten members of Wompatuck Encampment to be reinstated, was received, and referred to a committee of three—Reps. Tozer, Livermore, and Davies.

On motion,

*Voted*, To take from the table the motion of Rep. Joseph Wells, submitted at the last session, "To reconsider the vote passed at the last February session, whereby Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampments were directed to pay Wachusett Encampment the fees for initiating and exalting Patriarchs from Northampton and Greenfield," and refer the same to the next session for action thereon.

*Voted*, To take a recess of fifteen minutes.

Grand Encampment called to order.

*Voted*, That P. C. P. Gerrish, of Annawan Encampment, (without his certificate,) be admitted and instructed.

D. D. G. P. Peck stated that the reason the return of Mt. Holyoke Encampment was not sent in season, to be exempt from a fine, was on account of two of the officers elect being sick, and were not able to attend to be installed.

*Voted*, That Mt. Holyoke Encampment be excused from fine.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported upon the Certificates of Representatives ; whereupon it was

*Voted*, To accept the Report and admit and instruct the Representatives.

The Representatives in waiting who had not been in-

structed in the G. E. degree, were then introduced and instructed therein.

P. H. P. Wm. P. Baker,	Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2.
P. G. P. J. A. D. Worcester,	Monomake " " 4.
P. H. P. G. F. Tebbetts,	" " " 4.
P. H. P. Wm. M. Edmands,	Bunker Hill " " 5.
P. C. P. Wm. L. Gerrish,	Annawan " " 8.
P. H. P. Silas B. Rawson,	Wachusett " " 10.
P. C. P. William H. Calrow,	Nahant " " 11.
P. H. P. S. F. Barrett,	" " " 11.
P. H. P. George Butts,	" " " 11.
P. H. P. Richard Chenery,	Mt. Holyoke " " 15.
P. H. P. E. D. Bierce,	Lowell " " 17.
P. H. P. John C. Caryl,	" " " 17.
P. C. P. Henry F. Gardner,	Agawam " " 25.
P. C. P. S. W. Brayton	Wells " " 28.

On motion,

*Voted,* To excuse Sâhlôm Encampment from fine, as the District Deputy was sick, and could not attend to install the officers at the proper time.

The Committee to whom was referred the Financial Report, made the following, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the Report of the Finance Committee, have attended to their duty, and ask leave to report ; That the Grand Scribe be requested to make an arrangement with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, so that the occupancy of the room now used by the Grand Encampment, be given up, and that a part of the front office be hired of the Grand Lodge for the use of the Grand Encampment, provided that the expense shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum. Your Committee would also recommend that the Grand Scribe be directed to dispose of such part of the furniture belonging to the Grand Encampment as is not absolutely required for the transaction of its business. They

would also suggest to the Grand Encampment the propriety of holding but one session a year.

The Committee would also recommend that an annual tax be levied upon each Subordinate Encampment under this jurisdiction, equal to ten cents upon each contributing member—said tax to be based upon the returns of the Subordinates made at the annual sessions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
SAMUEL WELLS,  
W. H. PARKER.

On motion,

*Voted*, That the several items; rent, disposal of property, and annual tax—be taken up and acted upon separately.

The different subjects were disposed of as follows :

*Voted*, To adopt the recommendation in relation to rent.

*Voted*, To adopt the recommendation in relation to disposal of surplus property.

*Voted*, That the recommendation in relation to tax, lie on the table, as an amendment to the Constitution,—and the subject be re-committed to the same Committee to be reported on at the next session.

On motion,

*Voted*, That the Committee appointed at the last session “to inquire into the expediency of reducing the expenditures of this Right Worthy Grand Encampment,” be discharged.

*Voted*, That the report of the Grand Scribe be accepted and placed on file.

The subject of Funeral Regalia was presented, as laid down in Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

“*Resolved*, That the Regalia prescribed by the Order as Odd Fellows’ Regalia, may be worn instead of, or in connection with the funeral regalia prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the respective State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may determine.”

The reading of the Report of Finance Committee was called for, and on motion of G. H. P. Lord, it was

*Voted*, That the Grand Scribe be directed to collect the amount due from Middlesex Encampment, forthwith.

Grand Representative Cole submitted the following Report of the doings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session :

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

THE undersigned, Representatives from this body to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, having, as they hope, faithfully discharged the duty with which they were honored, beg to present the following summary of the proceedings of that body at its last session, as relating particularly to the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Upon an examination of the able and satisfactory report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, it will be perceived that there are, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty three Grand Encampments, having 359 Subordinates ; and there are 29 Encampments in States where, as yet, no Grand Encampments have been established. The aggregate number of patriarchs is about 18,000.—the revenue of Subordinates for the year '47 '48, \$88,000—relief \$21,000. The representation from Grand Encampment was full—but notwithstanding, so quietly is this branch progressing in its usefulness, that very little legislation was proposed, or indeed seemed necessary for its steady and onward career.

Noting the Legislation of the G. L. U. S. as it transpired, we have, first, to mention a Report made by P. G. Sire Hopkins, from a Committee appointed at the Annual Communication in 1847, “ with instructions to prepare and report to the session of 1848, full and complete instructions in the whole work of the order.” This Report presented the *unwritten work written*,—it was carefully read repeatedly to the Representatives, and, with some slight amendments, adopted. Subsequently, Article 1 of the Constitution was amended, so that it reads after the word “ Odd-Fellowship,” page 15, bottom line, “ that the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or

amended, except by an unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge—and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge.” On taking the question on this amendment, there were 64 Ayes—Nays none.

The funeral regalia adopted at the last session was abolished, and the matter left to State Grand Bodies.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, from a committee upon the subject of Uniform Constitutions, reported the following :—“*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare and report at the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, a form of Constitution for all Grand Lodges, and also a form of Constitution for all Grand Encampments.” This resolution, after having been once rejected by two votes, was reconsidered and adopted by 24 votes. Your Representatives believing that the adoption of uniform Constitutions by State Grand Bodies, will at once prevent similar strifes and contentions to those which have proved so injurious to the Order, in one of the largest jurisdictions, they recorded their votes in the affirmative of the question, with a full assurance of the approbation of the Body they had the honor to represent.

The following resolution was adopted—

“*Resolved*, That it is imperative upon all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to furnish the Officers of their respective Lodges and Encampments with the Jewels appertaining to their rank and station, as laid down in the work of the Order, on pages 28 and 9, as it is for members thereof to be clothed in suitable regalia.”

The Committee on the State of the Order, made the following Report, which was adopted.

“That Sec. 7, Art. 11, Division 4, of the Digest, declares the connection between a Member and his Encampment at once severed by his taking a withdrawal card from his Subordinate Lodge, and although his Membership is revived by the deposit of his card within one month, still his connection having temporarily ceased with Encampment, his office, if he held one at the time of his withdrawal, could not remain in abeyance, and is therefore vacated.”

A Resolution having been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to the doctrine of instruction, the Committee



reported the following.—*Resolved*, “That while this Grand Lodge recognizes the right of State Grand Lodges and Encampments to instruct their Grand Representatives in matters pertaining particularly to said Lodges and Encampments, it also deems the doctrine of instruction in matters of interest to the entire Order throughout this jurisdiction, as highly inexpedient.”

The same Committee, in answer to an inquiry, reported, “That in case a brother has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred by the rules of his own Subordinate, from drawing benefits while sick, he cannot be permitted, while he continues sick to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle him to benefits,” and this opinion was agreed to.

A most important matter to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which has not been heretofore provided for, has been accomplished in the passage of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, “That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Subordinate Encampment, to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each scribe, within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment ; and also of the suspension, expulsion or reinstatement of any such member.”

The importance of this resolution would seem to demand a strict compliance with its purpose—and to that end, your Representatives recommend that some measures be adopted by which the Scribes of Subordinate Encampments, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, be notified of, and required to comply with, the above resolution. Your Representatives entertain no doubt, but that a corresponding action will be had, in the Grand Lodge of our State.

A Special Committee appointed to report a plan for the classification of Representatives, in compliance with a law passed in 1847, and mode of drawing for their terms of service, made a Report to be found on page 129 printed journal, which was accepted. The ballots having been deposited in a box, in the manner prescribed in the report, were drawn by the Grand Marshal, as the names of the Grand Representatives were called by the Grand Secretary, when the following named

Representatives from Massachusetts, drew the numbers attached to their names :

From the Grand Lodge,	William E. Parmenter,	2 years,
“	E. M. P. Wells,	1 year.
From Grand Encampment,	Raymond Cole,	2 years,
“	Joseph B. Frost,	1 year.

By the law in question, it will be perceived that the term of service of a Grand Representative is two years, and that one only is to be elected in each year.

Having now concluded a Report of the Legislation of the G. L. U. S. upon matters of special interest to the Patriarchal department of the Order, your Representatives beg your indulgence for a moment to enable them to say one word upon two subjects only, of general interest.

From Circulars already distributed to the Encampments and Lodges in our State, the pecuniary position of the reputed Father of our Order, has been made known. Yet your Representatives, from their knowledge acquired in the G. L. U. S., feel that they should do injustice to the dignity of that Grand Body, as well as to their own sentiments, were they to forbear to urge a compliance with the very able Report of the Committee which had his case under consideration. This old and faithful Pioneer in our Order, labored hard to establish an Institution, of which we are proud, and through the influence of which thousands have been made glad. In the language of the Report, “his name is inseparably blended with our past history, and so long as our organization shall continue, the memory of his labors must survive.” Having lost an ample fortune by the casualties of life, and being too advanced to seek new occupations, the Grand Lodge looking upon him as the Father of Odd Fellowship, have made an appeal to his children, which they believe will be responded to in a manner, that will calm and make happy the few remaining years of one whose charity and benevolence have ever been conspicuous.

The great controversy which threw the Order into discord and disunion in the State of New-York, was a subject of great moment, and demanded and received the serious and careful examination of a Committee, whose sessions were constant during the session of the G. L. Notwithstanding the existence of much excitement on the part of

those most deeply interested, yet not an instance occurred, wherein the spirit of Odd Fellowship did not predominate over personal feelings.

All the questions in this unfortunate discussion were fairly met, and it is to be hoped, have been definitively settled.

Your Representatives cannot better close this imperfect sketch, than by quoting from the Grand Secretary's Report, the following paragraph.

"Massachusetts.—Odd Fellowship is no where more prosperous than in this Commonwealth. The able reports of the efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe are made with great care and precision, and justly commend him to the regard of the brotherhood of Massachusetts."

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COLE,

JOSEPH B. FROST, Jr.

*Grand Representatives.*

*Voted,* To accept the Report, and that the same be printed.

Grand Rep. Cole proceeded to instruct the Grand Encampment in the whole work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

The Committee appointed on the petition from members of Wompatuck Encampment, submitted the following report :

*Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

OASIS HALL, BOSTON, }  
January 31st, 1849. }

The committee to whom was submitted the petition of certain Patriarchs of Wompatuck Encampment, No. 18, and also so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as refers to that Encampment, have attended to their duty, and respectfully report :—

That they have heard the particulars of the case from the petitioners who wish to be themselves reinstated without reinstating the whole Encampment, which, of course, cannot be granted to them. At the last session of the Grand Encampment certain conditions were submitted to Wompatuck Encampment, with which they have not seen fit

to comply. The committee therefore recommend that the petition for the reinstatement of Wompatuck Encampment be not granted. But for the purpose of giving one more opportunity to that Encampment to resume its former position in the Order, they would recommend that further time be granted to it to comply with the requirements of this Grand Encampment, and they therefore submit a resolution, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM TOZER,  
WENDELL T. DAVIS,  
EDWARD M. LIVERMORE, } Committee.

*Resolved*, That should Wompatuck Encampment apply within one month from this date, in a proper spirit, to the Board of Grand Officers for a settlement of the difficulty now existing between it and the Grand Encampment, and shall pay its dues to this Grand Encampment, together with the expenses of the Grand Officers in their visit for the purpose of suspension—then the Board of Grand Officers be authorized to reinstate Wompatuck Encampment to the enjoyment of its full rights and privileges.

*Voted*, That the report be accepted and the resolution adopted.

The following amendment of the Constitution of this Grand Encampment, was offered by Rep. Joseph Wells :

*“Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended that there shall be but one session of this body in each year, and that the February session be stricken out.”

Amendment offered by P. C. P. Wells :

*“Resolved*, That in case one session only be held by this R. W. Grand Encampment, in each year, the Constitution be so amended that the Grand Officers be empowered to grant dispensations and institute Subordinates within this jurisdiction, during vacation.”

P. C. P. Alfred Chaffin, of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, (without his certificate,) was instructed in the ante-room and admitted.

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Grand Representative Frost laid before the Encampment the subject of the "Wilkey Fund and Annuity," upon which he made some pertinent remarks, and appealed to the Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction to sustain the Grand Lodge of the United States in the effort to relieve P. G. Sire Wilkey in his declining years.

On motion, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe, pro tem.*



**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of  
Massachusetts, for the Term ending December 31, 1848.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where Held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Per centage due Grand Encampment
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	6	...	...	...	3	8	15	...	2	16	205	\$371 81	\$7 20
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do,	do.	11	...	3	...	3	...	14	...	1	32	233	530 94	13 20
*Menotomy, . .	3	Medford,	Middlesex,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	do.	...	...	...	...	3	...	7	...	...	...	114	212 69	...
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	6	123	190 94	2 40
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Suffolk,	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	6	75	182 89	2 40
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	80	107 11	1 20
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	53	27 75	...
*Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden,	Middlesex,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	6	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	15	58	100 50	7 20
Nahant, . . .	11	East Boston,	Suffolk,	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	55	59 02	2 90
Shàlòn, . . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	61 60	...
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	77	179 87	4 80
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	91 50	...
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	3	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	9	44	118 75	3 60
*Wanackmamack	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Wompatuck, . .	18	Hingham,	Plymouth,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Howard, . . .	19	Attleborofoh,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	31	42 90	...
Quinshepaug, . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	33	53 00	1 20
Grey Lock, . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	15	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	45	45	226 57	18 00

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	P. centage due Grand Encampment.
Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	9	40	\$ 79 75	\$ 3 60
Samaritan, .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	9	50	113 32	2 40
Mt. Hebron, .	24	N. Stoughton,	Norfolk,	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	31	41 75	...
Agawam, .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	88	183 94	6 00
Metacomet, .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	36	82 23	...
Green River, .	27	Greenfield,	Franklin,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	40	69 43	1 20
Wells, . . .	28	North Adams,	Berkshire,	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	27	48 76	3 60
Total, . . .	28			65	10	4	2	28	9	40	4	5	200	1635	\$3177.02	\$ 80 90

\* No Report received.

† Wompatuck, No. 18, "Suspended."



**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.**

No.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	SCRIBE.	TREASURER.
1	Geo. H. Foote,	S. Fifield,	A. Youlin,	S. F. Wilson,	W. H. Jones,	R. M. Baker.
2	Wm. W. Nassau,	Samuel Nicolson,	Levi Wilkins,	E. H. Tucker, Jr.	R. W. Hall,	James Rice.
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4	Robt. J. Garrett,	J. C. Jepson,	Charles Stimpson,	Thos. Wilson,	R. P. Sanborn,	J. F. Gage.
5	Warren Tapley,	Augustus W. Cole,	Samuel Palmer,	Wm. M. Howell,	Robt. B. Edes, Jr.	Edmund Ward.
6	George Page,	J. A. Stearns,	C. H. Reed,	Geo. H. Wheeler,	Charles D. Strong,	Jos. Clasty.
7	G. W. Gerry,	Thos. Pearson,	Wm. Forbes,	Albert Currie,	F. H. Lord,	Geo. W. Colby.
8	J. W. Nickerson,	John Fuller,	James Taylor,	H. D. Wentworth,	Wm. Read,	R. W. Raymond.
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10	S. S. Leonard.	Leonard Pool,	Thos. L. Bugbee,	A. C. Darling,	John Mason,	F. Raymond.
11	S. F. Barrett,	John Davis,	Chas. R. Bradford,	Edwin Butts,	John Andrews,	Geo. Butts.
12	J. S. F. Huddleston,	Asa Wyman, Jr.	Silman Stone,	Asa Wyman,	Joseph Byron,	Alden Graham.
13	J. M. Decker,	Enoch H. Noyes,	Steph. Whitmore,	G. H. Pierson,	John W. Rhodes,	Joseph Swasey.
14	A. A. Leach,	H. W. Coggeshall,	A. T. Brown,	S. Thayer,	Charles H. Stevens,	D. S. Dickerman.
15	Wm. C. Prentice,	W. Herrick,	L. Bliss,	J. W. Smith,	C. M. Alvord,	J. W. Wilson.
16						
17						
18						
19	Thaddeus Phelps,	Leonard Holmes,	F. G. Whitney,	V. H. Blackington,	J. D. Pierce,	H. M. Richards.
20	John Corbett,	R. P. Harrington,	Burleigh Morse,	Willard Woodward,	Lemuel Whitney,	A. H. Fisher.
21	G. G. Parker,	Jesse Howard,	J. M. Rogers,	C. B. Golden,	A. M. Granger,	Richard Jones.
22	Thomas C. Hovey,	E. M. Livermore,	B. Francis Wells,	Thomas Gault,	Jas. M. Greenwood,	Rufus C. Whiting.
23	Simeon Butterfield,	Ralph Beatley, Jr.	Geo. W. Otis, Jr.	John R. Dufee,	Elijah Endicott,	Robert Davidson.
24	Elhu Withington,	N. Withington,	J. A. Mead,	Geo. Marden,	Geo. E. Monk,	James T. Turner.
25	James D. Brewer,	B. N. Bliss,	Geo. Hinsdale,	J. D. White,	John M. Wood,	Rufus Chandler.
26	James Ford,	Wm. A. Burt,	Geo. W. Stevens,	Thos. J. Pickering,	J. C. Parkham,	John B. Hathaway.
27	J. R. Holton,	Charles Mattoon,	R. Howland,	L. L. Graves,	J. Beals,	H. B. Miller.
28	Edward Taylor,	J. C. Stewart,	W. S. Blackington,	A. P. Butler,	W. N. Mills,	Edward Norman.

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**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts.**

**AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON, AUGUST 1, 1849.**

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**ANNUAL SESSION**  
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**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,**  
**I. O. OF O. F.**

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OASIS HALL, BOSTON, }  
*August 1. 1849, 9½ o'clock, A. M.* }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the Regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

WM. E. PARMENTER,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
HARGREAVES LORD,	" <i>High Priest.</i>
WM. H. WARNER,	" <i>Senior Warden.</i>
WM. H. JONES,	" <i>Scribe.</i>
JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	" <i>Treasurer.</i>

And a due representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion, The reading of the Records of the last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Reps. Wm. Tozer, B. C. Davis and C. D. Strong to examine the Certificates of Representatives.

A question was proposed by Rep. T. Barr, whether the High Priest of an Encampment can retain in his own possession a Work Book of the Encampment.

G. High Priest Lord offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the C. P. is the proper custodian of the Work Books of the Encampment, and that upon the closing of the Encampment said Books be delivered, by the officers, to him for safe keeping.

Rep. B. H. Davis offered the following amendment, "That no officer be allowed to take the Encampment books from the Hall," which was lost. The question recurring on the original resolution, it was declared in the affirmative.

On motion, to instruct Pat. Darius Forbes in the Grand Encampment Degree, he having produced a certificate from Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, of Windsor, Vt., that he had passed the Chair of C. P. in said Encampment ; it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, it was resolved that the nomination of officers take place immediately after the instruction of Past Officers, and that the election take place at 2½ o'clock.

Committee on Elections and Returns reported upon Certificates of Representatives, which Report was accepted.\*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives to this R. W. Body, for the ensuing year, would report the following as correct, viz :

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\* This Report being made verbally, the Scribe is unable to make a correct record.

**MASSASOIT, No. 1.** Daniel Hersey, A. Guild, Hezekiah Prince, W. H. Jones, C. C. Hayden, Wm. Ellison, J. Murdock, R. L. Robbins, C. A. Smith, L. M. Smith, L. Dennis, D. Ayres, A. W. Pollard, S. Prince, J. Binney, N. M. George, A. S. Ferguson, D. Bowker, George H. Foote, S. B. Krogman, A. P. Cleverley, A. B. Ely, S. Fifield.

**TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.** G. L. Montague, G. P. Geer, J. B. Frost, Jr., E. M. P. Wells, G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereaux, R. Cole, Edwin Brown, A. Mudge, J. McClellan, E. Tyler, G. Norton, N. A. Thompson, J. H. Hathorn, Horace Williams, W. A. Bell, W. H. Parker, E. P. Dolbeare, Jr., W. P. Baker, Wm. N. Nassau, Samuel Nicolson.

**MONOMAKE, No. 4.** A. J. Hersey, S. C. Ames, J. Reed, N. B. Favour, H. Lord, F. M. Kittredge, E. Hills, J. E. Farnsworth, A. Huntington, J. C. Jepson, R. J. Garrett.

**BUNKER HILL, No. 5.** J. Wells, G. Fuller, C. Rand, I. Cushing, E. Brown, W. Caban, I. Cook, H. P. Fairbanks, W. W. Pierce, A. Wait, N. P. Brooks, G. R. Welch, N. Y. Culbertson, N. Chapin, F. Simonds, Warren Tapley, A. H. Cole, J. A. D. Worcester, W. M. Edmands.

**MOUNT WASHINGTON, No. 6.** C. D. Strong, C. H. White, James McFarland, Josiah A. Stearns, J. Davis, Jr.

**WACHUSETT, No. 10.** W. C. Barbour, G. C. Taft, E. Haven, G. A. Hamilton, C. S. Ellis, F. P. Oliver, Wm. A. Ayres, E. N. Tucker, J. M. Stone, A. Chaffin, C. F. Wilson, S. B. Rawson, L. Pool, S. S. Leonard.

**NAHANT, No. 11.** S. F. Barrett, W. H. Calrow, Geo. Butts, J. Davis.

**SHALÔM, No. 12.** Ira Allen, G. B. Davis, B. F. Campbell, J. F. S. Huddleston, S. H. Willis, J. St. C. Wilson, J. Byron, Asa Wyman, Jr., Alden Graham.

**NAOMI, No. 14.** J. M. Cook, S. Thayer, Peter Chick, M. M. Cook.

**MT. HOLYOKE, No. 15.** Samuel Wells, A. H. Bullen, A. S. Peck.

**LOWELL, No. 17.** Thomas Barr, J. Gillespie, T. E. Roberts, Geo. Ashworth, J. C. Caryl, C. Morrill, E. D. Bearce, J. D. Ashton, J. A. Sawtell.

**HOWARD, No. 19.** Benjamin F. Hammar.

**QUINSHEPAUG, No. 20.** B. H. Davis, A. C. Mayhew, J. C. Scott, A. H. Keith, C. S. Landers, Elias Whitney, O. Underwood, A. H. Fisher, C. A. Barber, John Corbett, R. P. Harrington, A. G. Walker.

**GREY LOCK, No. 21.** Charles E. Hewes, W. A. Stewart, C. R. Rule, W. D. Axtell, N. S. Dodge, Geo. R. Groot.

**SAMARITAN, No. 23.** W. E. P. Haskell, John Low, S. A. Cushing, W. R. Pearmain, J. P. Howlett, S. Butterfield, E. W. Lothrop, R. Davidson, Chas. Howard, Ralph Beatly, P. R. Merriam.

**MT. HEBRON, No. 24.** Wm. Tozer, Luther Hayden, A. Porter, J. Tucker, E. Withington, Wm. Hayden, J. Fitts, Wm. Page, N. Withington, Jr.

**AGAWAM, No. 25.** Addison Ware.

**WELLS, No. 28.** Wm. H. Warner, A. F. Wilmarth, E. Taylor.

On motion, of G. H. Priest Lord, To admit the Reps. from Mt. Washington and Mt. Holyoke Encampments, who appeared without certificates, and that they act as Representatives ; much debate ensued, and, pending the question upon their admission, the hour arrived for admitting and instructing candidates, who were duly admitted and instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

*[20 candidates admitted and instructed.]*

The subject of admitting Reps. from Mt. Washington and Mt. Holyoke Encampments was then resumed, when Rep. B. H. Davis offered the following amendment, "That they be instructed only." Lost. The question recurring on the original motion, it was declared in the negative.

On motion, it was resolved, That Rep. Henry Lyon, of Metacomet Encampment, be admitted and instructed.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers.

The Grand Patriarch decided that P. C. P's and P. H. P's can vote for Elective Officers.

Reps. Louis Dennis, A. W. Pollard and W. P. Baker were appointed a committee to superintend the ballot for candidates for Grand Officers ; who announced the result as follows :

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	57
Wm. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	38
Wm. H. Warner,	-	-	-	-	8
David Ayres,	-	-	-	-	6
Chas. D. Strong,	-	-	-	-	2
Addison Ware,	-	-	-	-	1
Horace Williams,	-	-	-	-	1
A. S. Peck,	-	-	-	-	1

Reps Ayres and Strong declined, and Reps. Wm. H. Jones, W. H. Warner, A. Ware, H. Williams and A. S. Peck were declared candidates for the office of Grand Patriarch.

Reps. Hewes, Krogman and Geer were appointed as a second committee to superintend the ballot of alternate officers, who reported the votes as follows :

**FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	48
William Tozer,	-	-	-	-	37
Addison Ware,	-	-	-	-	4
A. B. Ely,	-	-	-	-	2
F. B. Oliver,	-	-	-	-	2
Charles A. Smith,	-	-	-	-	1
Dexter Bowker,	-	-	-	-	1
Wm. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	1



Reps. Ely and Oliver declined, and Reps. Wm Tozer, A. Ware, C. A. Smith, D. Bowker and W. H. Jones were declared candidates for the office of Grand High Priest.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - - - -	53
Addison Ware, - - - -	16
William A. Ayres, - - - -	16
S. S. Leonard, - - - -	5
David Ayres, - - - -	4
Alfred Mudge, - - - -	3
Dexter Bowker, - - - -	2
Scattering, 1 each, - - - -	7

And Addison-Ware, Wm. A. Ayres and S. S. Leonard were declared candidates for the office of Grand Senior Warden.

#### FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes. - - - -	55
Alfred Mudge, - - - -	44
W. E. P. Haskell, - - - -	11

And Alfred Mudge and W. E. P. Haskell were declared candidates for the office of Grand Scribe.

#### FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - - - -	49
Addison S. Peck, - - - -	14
J. E. Farnsworth, - - - -	12
A. W. Pollard, - - - -	7
W. P. Baker, - - - -	5
J. W. Sargent, - - - -	4
Scattering, 1 each, - - - -	7

And A. S. Peck, J. E. Farnsworth and A. W. Pollard were declared candidates for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

#### FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	39
Joseph Newmarch,	-	-	-	-	31
Dexter Bowker,	-	-	-	-	4
J. M. Cook,	-	-	-	-	2
C. D. Strong,	-	-	-	-	1
A. B. Krogman,	-	-	-	-	1

Dexter Bowker declined, and, in consequence all others were declared candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer.

#### FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	53
B. H. Davis,	-	-	-	-	15
J. B. Frost, Jr.	-	-	-	-	14
W. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	8
Samuel Wells,	-	-	-	-	6
N. A. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	5
H. Prince,	-	-	-	-	2
Scattering, 1 each,	-	-	-	-	3

W. H. Jones declined, and B. H. Davis, J. B. Frost, Jr. and Samuel Wells were declared candidates for the office of Grand Representative.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts :*

The return of the Annual Session brings us together once more to consult for the good of this branch of the Order under our government. I sincerely congratulate you upon the occasion, as it completes another year of successful operation of this jurisdiction in the Patriarchal department of the Order.

The condition of the Subordinate Encampments is not widely different from that in which you found them at the Semi-Annual Session. Without much increase, or many outward signs of activity, they are, I am persuaded, generally in healthful operation, and fulfil their important duty in the Order, with fidelity and success.

It is with great satisfaction that I announce to you that Wompatuck Encampment has complied with the terms required at the last session, as the condition of its reinstatement, and that it has been restored to its position in your jurisdiction. Its location is now at East Weymouth, and it has re-commenced its work with the fairest prospects of resuming its former standing and usefulness.

In connection with this subject I would say, that at the time of the suspension of this Encampment, its books and funds were in the hands of members who have never surrendered them. Those who now hold them have repeatedly refused to deliver them according to the directions of the Grand Officers, or to the Encampment upon its reinstatement. The individuals having possession of the property of the Encampment are not now members of the Patriarchal branch, but yet remain in good standing in the other branch of the Order. It would be well for you to inquire into the expediency of invoking the assistance of the R. W. Grand Lodge, in recovering the property and in rebuking this flagrant violation of good faith and solemn obligation. I would advise the appointment of a Committee for the consideration of the subject.

I regret to state to you that Middlesex Encampment is represented to be in a condition of decline, and of late it has ceased to hold its meetings. This information has been brought to us unofficially, but it may be well for you to adopt measures to ascertain its exact condition.

I resign into your hands the office which your kindness intrusted me, now that my official term has expired. I return my sincere thanks for the indulgence with which my imperfect efforts to discharge its duties have been honored, not only by you, but also by the subordinates under your jurisdiction.

**WILLIAM E. PARMENTER**, *Grand Patriarch.*

On motion, so much of the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to Wompatuck Encampment, No. 18, was referred to Reps. Ellison, Pollard and Haskell.

On motion, so much of the same as relates to Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, was referred to Reps. H. Prince, C. A. Smith and Dexter Bowker.

At twenty-five minutes to 1 o'clock, the Grand Encampment adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
2 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which was accepted.

*Report of Grand Scribe.*

**WILLIAM H. JONES** in account with GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF  
MASSACHUSETTS, I. O. O. F.

Dr.				
1849.	Feb. 1.	To balance on hand, - - - -		\$26 30
	Aug. 1.	Amount received from Subordinate Encampments for Semi-Annual Dues, Cards, &c., from Feb. 1st, to date,	127 00	
			<hr/>	\$153 30

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1849. Aug. 1. By paid incidental expenses of  
                     office to date,       -       -       - \$4 15  
       "       Two Quarters Salary to date,       -       50 00  
       "       Paid Grand Treasurer,       -       -       99 15     \$153 30  
                     Respectfully submitted,

W. H. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. Ellison from the Committee in relation to the Financial Affairs of the Grand Encampment, (see page 11, last session,) submitted the following Report which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

The Committee to whom was recommitteed the subject matter of the Report of the Finance Committee, at the last session of this body, have reconsidered the subject, and have no additional recommendations to offer than those contained in their previous report.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
 SAMUEL WELLS.

*Boston, Aug. 1, 1849.*

The following amendments to the Constitution offered by Rep. Wells, last session, was then taken up, and after consideration was laid upon the table until the subject of the Tax shall have been considered.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended that there shall be but one session of this Body in each year, and that the February Session be stricken out.

*Resolved*, That in case one session only be held by this R. W. Grand Encampment, in each year, the Constitution be so amended that the Grand Officers be empowered to grant dispensations and institute subordinates within this jurisdiction, during vacation.

The motion of Rep. Joseph Wells, relating to Massasoit, Tri-Mount and Wachusett Encampments, viz : To reconsider the vote passed at the February Session, 1848, was taken up for action.

Moved to indefinitely postpone the subject,—Laid on the table until after the election.

*Resolved,* To proceed to choice of officers for the ensuing year.

Reps. McClellan, D. Ayres and S. B. Krogman as first committee, and Reps. S. Wells, Leonard and Sargent as second committee, were appointed to count and sort the votes, who reported the result of the balloting to be as follows :

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	53
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	27
Wm. H. Jones had	-	-	-	-	40
Wm. H. Warner	-	-	-	-	13

Wm. H. Jones was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	54
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	28
Wm. Tozer had	-	-	-	-	46
C. A. Smith,	-	-	-	-	3
Addison Ware,	-	-	-	-	3

Wm. Tozer was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	52
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	27
Addison Ware had	-	-	-	-	38
Wm. A. Ayres,	-	-	-	-	13
S. B. Krogman,	-	-	-	-	1

Addison Ware was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	55
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Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	28
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Alfred Mudge had	-	-	-	-	46
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W. E. P. Haskell,	-	-	-	-	9
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Alfred Mudge was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	58
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Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	27
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A. W. Pollard had	22	A. S. Peck,	13
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J. E. Farnsworth,	17	J. W. Sargent,	1
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No choice.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	48
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Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	25
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Joseph Newmarch,	-	-	-	-	42
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J. M. Cook,	-	-	-	-	6
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Joseph Newmarch was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	58
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Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	30
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J. B. Frost, Jr., had	26	Samuel Wells,	14
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B. H. Davis,	-	15	Scattering 1 each,	3
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No choice.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN—2d Ballot.

Whole-number-of-votes,	-	-	-	-	61
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Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	31
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A. W. Pollard had	-	-	33	J. E. Farnsworth,	28
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A. W. Pollard was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE—2d Ballot.**

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 58

Necessary to a choice, - - - - - 30

Jos. B. Frost, Jr., had 34      B. H. Davis,      24

Joseph B. Frost, Jr., was declared duly elected.

Rep. Ellison from the Committee on the subject relating to Wompatuck Encampment, submitted the following Report which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass., I. O. O. F.*

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication relating to the refusal of past members of Wompatuck Encampment to deliver to the Grand Encampment the books and property of said Encampment at the time of its suspension, would respectfully recommend that this Grand Encampment lay the subject before the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at its approaching session, and request such interference on the part of that body as they may deem expedient, and the circumstances of the case may require.

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
ABNER W. POLLARD,  
WM. E. P. HASKELL.

*Boston, Aug. 1, 1849.*

The same Committee were appointed to lay the subject before the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. Prince from the Committee on the subject following, submitted a Report which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass., I. O. O. F.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, of Malden,—upon consideration, would recommend its reference to a committee with full powers to act in the premises, and report at the next session of the Grand Encampment.

H. PRINCE,  
CHAS. A. SMITH,  
DEXTER BOWKER.



The Grand Patriarch appointed as a Committee Reps. W. P. Baker, J. H. Hathorne and Joseph Wells.

The subject in relation to Wachusett, Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampments was taken from the table and fully discussed, viz., To reconsider the vote, when, on motion, it was *Voted to reconsider* : 24 in the affirmative, 22 in the negative. And on motion, to indefinitely postpone the whole subject, it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 26, nays 21.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report which was accepted.

*Grand Treasurer's Report.*

1849.

January 31st.	Cash on hand,	-	-	-	\$54 89	
July 31st.	Cash received of Grand Scribe,			99.15		\$154.04
	Cash paid out as per bills,	-	-	-		64.61
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	-	-	-		89.43
Respectfully submitted,						

J. NEWMARCH,

*Boston, August 1, 1849.*

*Grand Treasurer.*

The Finance Committee submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee of Finance having attended to their duty, respectfully Report : That they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

The Grand Scribe had on hand, January 30, 1849, \$26.30

Amount received from Subordinate Encampments,

for Cards and Semi-Annual Dues, - - - 127.00 \$153.30

The Grand Scribe has paid incidental expenses of

office, - - - - - 4.15

Two Quarter's Salary, - - - - - 50.00

Paid Grand Treasurer, - - - - - 99.15 153.30

The Grand Treasurer had on hand, Jan. 30, 1849,	\$54.89	
Amount received from the Grand Scribe, - -	99.15	\$154.04
The G. Treasurer has paid out, as per vouchers,	64.61	
Cash now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,	89.43	154.04
There is due to this Grand Encampment from Subordinates,		32.75
Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, - - -		89.48
		<u>\$122.18</u>

The amount above stated constitutes the entire means of this Grand Encampment to meet its liabilities, and it must be apparent to all, that some other source of revenue than we now have, is absolutely necessary to our existence as a Grand Encampment ; and we respectfully ask for this subject a careful and thorough examination.

At your last session, a vote was passed directing the Grand Scribe "to collect the amount due from Middlesex Encampment forthwith." Agreeably to this vote the Grand Scribe immediately sent a bill to Middlesex Encampment, and requested that it might be paid, but said Encampment paid no attention to it ; since then the Grand Scribe has again called the attention of said Encampment to the amount of their indebtedness, but with no better success. The amount due from Middlesex Encampment is \$17.75, a part of which has been standing four years, and your Committee now recommend that Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, be suspended.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE WILLIAMS,  
DAVID AYERS,  
WM. H. PARKER.

The following amendments to the Constitution, offered at last session, (page 7,) was taken up for action.

ARTICLE 6, Section 5. Add at the end of the section, "And at the rate of fifteen cents, per annum, on each and every contributing member."

Amendment offered to strike out "fifteen" and insert "twenty," amendment withdrawn ; and after a free discussion the original amendment, as proposed, was adopted.

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**P. G. P. Ellison** offered the following resolutions, which were, by separate action, unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be directed to furnish under the seal of this Grand Encampment to the Committee appointed to present the case of past members of Wompatuck Encampment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of this State, a copy of that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication relating to the same, also the subsequent report of the Committee on the same subject, and likewise, a copy of this resolution.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be, and are hereby unanimously tendered to P. G. P. Wm. E. Parmenter, for the ability and urbanity which he has presided over its deliberations during the official year that has just closed.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be and are hereby unanimously tendered to P. G. Scribe Wm. H. Jones, for the ability and correctness with which he has discharged the duties of Grand Scribe for the four years just expired.

The following amendment of the Constitution of this Grand Encampment, was offered by Rep. Mudge, (Grand Scribe elect,) he also stated that he should consider the salary of Grand Scribe to be fifty instead of one hundred, for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 4, Sect. 4.** Last line but one, strike out "one hundred" and insert "fifty."

Grand Encampment proceeded to the installation of officers elect, viz :

<b>WM. H. JONES,</b>	<b>Grand Patriarch.</b>
<b>WILLIAM TOZER,</b>	<b>" High Priest.</b>
<b>ADDISON WARE,</b>	<b>" Senior Warden.</b>
<b>ALFRED MUDGE,</b>	<b>" Scribe.</b>
<b>JOSEPH NEWMARCH,</b>	<b>" Treasurer.</b>
<b>A. W. POLLARD,</b>	<b>" Junior Warden.</b>

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed Rep. Joseph Wells, Grand Sentinel ; who was duly installed into office.

The Chair also appointed Reps. Horace Williams, David Ayres and W. H. Parker, Committee on Finance.

Mt. Washington Encampment, No. 6, Shâlôm, No. 12, and Samaritan, No. 23, having rendered sufficient excuse for not sending Returns in season, were severally excused from paying the fine.

The amendments to the Constitution of this R. W. Body, were then taken from the table ; when, at the request of Rep. J. Wells, permission was granted that he withdraw the first resolution ; and, on motion, the second was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. W. P. Baker offered the following Resolutions, which were carried.

*Resolved*, That hereafter no Representative be admitted to a seat in this Right Worthy Body, unless he produces his certificate in proper form, signed by the C. P., H. P. and Scribe of the Encampment to which he belongs.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe notify each Encampment, by sending them a copy of these resolutions.

The following document was received from the Representatives of Wachusett Encampment, and, by unanimous consent, permission to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States was granted.

*To the Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.  
Boston, August 1, 1849.*

The members of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, I. O. of O. F., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the State of Mass., feeling themselves aggrieved by the decision of said Grand Encampment, whereby Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampments were released from the payment of certain funds in their hands which were by them payable to said Wachusett Encampment respectively ; and by the acts and doings of said Grand Encampment in relation to the same, do hereby most respectfully appeal from the said acts, doings and decisions

of said Grand Encampment in the premises, to the Grand Lodge of the United States ; and request your Honorable Body to signify your assent to said Appeal, as is in such case made and provided.

F. P. OLIVER,  
EDWARD HAVEN,  
ALFRED CHAFFIN.

*Reps. of, and in behalf, Wachusett Encamp't, No. 10, I. O. O. F.*

On motion, of Rep. David Ayers, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of Grand Officers be authorized to borrow on the faith of this Grand Encampment, the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

On motion, it was voted that the sum of one dollar be paid to the Keeper of the Hall.

On motion, at 6 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe.*

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BOSTON, AUGUST 8, 1849.

The Returns for the Term ending July 1, are as follows :

Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 19, 21, 26 and 28, are correct.

Nos. 8, 14, 23 and 25, incorrect in whole number and standing of members.

Nos. 10, 15, 17 and 20, incorrect in whole number and standing of members, Degrees of Patriarchs suspended, deceased, &c., not given.

Nos. 11 and 13, error in standing of members, and Degrees of Patriarchs suspended and withdrawn, not given.

No. 24, error in standing of members.

No. 28, return received July 28th,—fined.

Nos. 3, 9, 16, 18, 22 and 27, not yet received, also fined for neglect.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe*

*D. D. Grand Patriarchs appointed August, 1849.*

Encampment.	No.	Place.	D. D. G P's.
Massasoit,	1	Boston,	Grand Scribe.
Tri-Mount,	2	do.	Grand Patriarch.
Menotomy,	3	West Cambridge,	Elisha Stetson.
Monomake,	4	Lowell,	John Reed.
Bunker Hill,	5	Charlestown,	Warren Tapley.
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	C. D. Strong.
Merrimack,	7	Newburyport,	P. K. Hills.
Annawan,	8	New Bedford,	J. Baylies.
Middlesex,	9	Malden,	F. J. Fay.
Wachusett,	10	Worcester,	Edward Haven.
Nahant,	11	East Boston,	George Butts.
Shâlôm,	12	Roxbury,	A. W. Pollard.
Naumkeag,	13	Salem,	James Kimball.
Naomi,	14	Taunton,	Charles Foster.
Mt. Holyoke,	15	Northampton,	Samuel Wells.
Wanackmamack,	16	Nantucket,	Joseph B. Lawrence.
Lowell,	17	Lowell,	George Ashworth.
Wompatuck,	18	East Weymouth,	W. A. Hersey.
Howard,	19	Attleborough,	Thaddeus Phelps.
Quinshepaug,	20	Milford,	O. Underwood.
Grey Lock,	21	Pittsfield,	Charles E. Hewes.
Charles River,	22	Cambridge,	Thomas G. Hovey.
Samaritan,	23	Chelsea,	John Low.
Mt. Hebron,	24	North Stoughton,	William Tozer.
Agawam,	25	Springfield,	Addison Ware.
Metacômê,	26	Fall River,	Robert C. Brown.
Green River,	27	Greenfield,	W. T. Davis.
Wells,	28	North Adams,	Wm. H. Warner.

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1849.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where Held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Per centage due Grand Encampment
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston, . . .	Suffolk,	2	3	2	2	7	14	7	14	1	2	196	\$445 56	\$2 40
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do, . . .	do.	2	3	1	1	1	1	7	7	1	7	227	477 21	2 40
*Menotomy, . . .	3	Medford, . . .	Middlesex,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	104	267 66	60
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell, . . .	do.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	178 75	1 20
Bunker Hill, . . .	5	Charlestown, . . .	do.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	128 56	1 20
Mt. Washington, . . .	6	South Boston, . . .	Suffolk,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	76	125 50	1 20
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport, . . .	Essex,	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	55	199 75	4 80
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford, . . .	Bristol,	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	62	112 00	6 00
*Middlesex, . . .	9	Malden, . . .	Middlesex,	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	39	71 60	
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester, . . .	Worcester,	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	27	75 00	
Nahant, . . .	11	East Boston, . . .	Suffolk,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	76	137 13	1 20
Shalôm, . . .	12	Roxbury, . . .	Norfolk,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	103 35	2 40
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem, . . .	Essex,	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	50	154 60	6 30
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton, . . .	Bristol,	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	22	40 00	
Mt. Holyoke, . . .	15	Northampton, . . .	Hampshire,	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30	10 00	
*Wanuckmamack	16	Nantucket, . . .	Nantucket,	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	34	111 25	6 00
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell, . . .	Middlesex,	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	45	92 00	3 60
*Wompatuck, . . .	18	E. Weymouth, . . .	Plymouth,	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough, . . .	Bristol,	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Quinshepaug, . . .	20	Milford, . . .	Worcester,	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Grey Lock, . . .	21	Pittsfield, . . .	Berkshire,	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.		Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contribut'g members.	Amount of receipts.	Pr.centage due Grand Encampment.
*Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	2	2								6	53	\$ 146 98	\$ 2 40
Samaritan, . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,											30	62 00	
Mt. Hebron, . .	24	N. Stoughton,	Norfolk,	3	3			1				1	9	88	86 00	3 60
Agawam, . . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	1	1								3	37	60 00	1 20
Metacomet, . .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,													
*Green River, .	27	Greenfield,	Franklin,	5	4								13	32	132 66	6 00
Wells, . . . .	28	North Adams,	Berkshire,	40	40		2	26	9	79	2	5	118	1517	\$3167.51	\$ 48 90
* No Report.																

Abstract from the Annual Report to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30th, 1849.

Number of Initiations, . . . . .	109
" of Rejections, . . . . .	1
" Admitted by Card, . . . . .	9
" Withdrawn by Card, . . . . .	43
" Reinstated, . . . . .	18
" Suspended, . . . . .	126
" Expelled, . . . . .	6
" of Deaths, . . . . .	10
" of P. C. Patriarchs, . . . . .	157
" of P. H. Priests, . . . . .	146
" of Contributing Members, . . . . .	1548
Revenue, . . . . .	\$6649.33

## BELIEF REPORT.

Number of Patriarchs Relieved, . . . . .	121
" of Widowed Families Relieved, . . . . .	3
" of Patriarchs Buried, . . . . .	10
Amount Paid for Relief of Patriarchs, . . . . .	\$1958 65
" " " of Widowed Families, . . . . .	90 70
" " " Burying the Dead, . . . . .	200 00
Total Amount of Relief, . . . . .	\$229 35



# NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.

C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1 Aram Youlen, 2 R. W. Hall, 4 C. Stimpson, 5 S. Palmer, 6 C. H. Reed, 7 William Forbes, 8 James Taylor, 10 E. M. Holman, 11 George Haraden, 12 Stillman Stone, 13 S. Whitmore, Jr. 14 W. M. Hale, 15 Louis Bliss, 17 Osa Ross, 19 F. G. Whitney, 20 Burleigh Morse, 21 C. B. Golden, 23 George W. Otis, 24 N. Withington, Jr. 25 Eliphalet Traak, 26 Geo. W. Stearns, 28 W. S. Blackinton,	S. F. Wilson, L. Wilkins, William Clark, H. Cutter, Joseph Clesby, Geo. T. Granger, John Fuller, T. L. Bugbee, Edwin Butts, Asa Wyman, G. H. Pierson, A. T. Brown, J. W. Smith, John Gierlow, V. H. Blackington, Lemuel Whitney, Richard Jones, John B. Dufur, G. E. Monk, Moses Lyman, J. C. Peckham, C. Atkinson,	Cyrus Buttrick, J. W. Barton, R. R. Sanborn, R. B. Edes, Jr. Daniel Hall, John B. Kelsey, William Read, Edward Rice, W. S. Albertson, W. Withington, Joseph Farnham, Jr. J. W. Puffer, J. R. Dickinson, Henry Barnes, J. Blackington, W. Woodward, 2d. John Holder, Elijah Endicott, J. T. Sumner, E. Harris, P. J. Pickering, E. Norman,	F. A. Kemp, A. B. Childs, F. Perkins, Joseph Caldwell, Alvin Howard, J. D. Rundlett, George H. Faber, G. C. Taft, C. H. Barker, E. G. Scott, J. W. Moulton, Julius Wilson, F. A. Clark, George Ashworth, Jonas Munroe, S. Sumner, J. S. Peck, George Vail, J. Fitts, Porter Kellogg, Joshua Smith, E. Husband,	William H. Jones, H. W. Sweet, G. L. Putnam, Joseph Wells, G. H. Wheeler, W. Bradstreet, Edward Stetson, C. F. Wilson, S. T. Barrett, Joseph Byron, J. W. Rhoades, C. H. Stephens, J. B. Augur, J. A. Sawtell, Joseph D. Pierce, John P. Dole, W. D. Axtell, George Blake, W. W. Hawes, Harvey Danks, Edwin Shaw, L. C. Thayer,	R. M. Baker, William H. Cook, S. W. Hatch, J. A. D. Worcester, J. McFarland, Edward Burrill, John H. Thornton, T. Raymond, George Butts, B. F. Campbell, Joseph Swasey, Peter Chick, J. W. Wilson, E. D. Bearce, H. M. Richards, Abel Litchfield, Henry Groot, Robert Davidson, Luther Hayden, S. S. Holmes, John B. Hathaway, William Taylor.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Right Worthy Grand Encampment

OF THE

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

## State of Massachusetts,

AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON, FEBRUARY 6th, 1850.

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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
I. O. OF O. F.

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OASIS HALL,  
*Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 9 o'clock, A. M.* }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Semi-Annual Session, when the following were present :

WM. H. JONES,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
WM. TOZER,	“ <i>High Priest.</i>
WM. H. WARNER,	“ <i>Sen. Warden, pro tem.</i>
ALFRED MUDGE,	“ <i>Scribe.</i>
JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	“ <i>Treasurer.</i>

and a due representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion, the Reading of the Records of the Annual Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Reps. John R. Mullin and Thomas Barr to examine the Certificates of Representatives.

Rep. Mullin, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following Report, which, on motion, was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of additional Representatives, would report the following as correct, viz :

**MASSASOIT**, No. 1.—*P. C.* P's Aram Youlen,\* John R. Mullin, Geo. Foote.\* *P. H. P.* S. F. Wilson.\*

**TRI-MOUNT**, No. 2.—*P. C.* P's William M. Nassau,\* R. W. Hall. *P. H. P.* Levi Wilkins.\*

**MONOMAKE**, No. 4.—*P. C.* P's C. Stimpson,\* John Kendall.\* *P. H. P.* William Clark.\*

**BUNKER HILL**, No. 5.—*P. C.* P. Samuel Palmer. *P. H. P.* J. Carter Cutter.

**MOUNT WASHINGTON**, No. 6.—*P. H. P.* John H. Graupner.

**MERRIMACK**, No. 7.—*P. C.* P's John N. Wells, Chas. R. Sargeant, George Emery, Eben S. Stearns, Phillip K. Hills, George W. Geary, John Coombs, Edward Burrill, Joseph W. Sargeant. *P. H. P.*'s Dexter Dana, Geo. T. Granger, William Bradstreet, Thomas H. Lord, Moses Hale, Edwin A. Eaton, Enoch Gerrish, Thomas Pearson.

**NAHANT**, No. 11.—*P. C.* P. George Haraden, *P. H. P.* Edwin Butts.\*

**SHALOM**, No. 12.—*P. C.* P. Stillman Stone.\*

**NAUMKEAG**, No. 13.—*P. C.* P's Samuel B. Foster, Wm. Archer, Jr., Franklin Grant, John C. Howard, Walter S. Harris, Jas. Kimball, Jno. Perley, Jr., Safford M. Decker.\* *P. H. P.*'s Israel D. Shepherd, Wm. Saunders, Robt. P. Clough, Simeon Flint, Benj. Grush, John W. Rhoades, Enoch K. Noyes.

**NAOMI**, No. 14.—*P. H. P.*'s Charles Foster, William H. Brown, E. Dawes Tisdale.

**MT. HOLYOKE**, No. 15.—*P. C.* P's L. Blood, William M. Hale. *P. H. P.* Augustus T. Brown.

**LOWELL**, No. 17.—*P. H. P.* John Gierlow.\*

**WOMPATUCK**, No. 18.—*P. C.* P's Warren A. Hersey, E. Pratt.\* *P. H. P.*'s Jason Stowell, Henry Siders.

**QUINSHEPAUG**, No. 20.—*P. C.* P. Burleigh Morse.\*

**AGAWAM**, No. 25.—*P. H. P.*'s Geo. W. Wilson,\* Eliphalet Trask.\*

**METACOMET**, No. 26.—*P. C.* P. Henry Lion. *P. H. P.* H. M. Gunn.\*

Also, a Communication from the Grand Encampment of Maine, requesting this Grand Encampment to confer the G. E. Degree upon Edward Ilsley, P. C. P. and P. H. P., of Border Encampment, No. 8, of that State ; and, on motion, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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\* Those marked thus (\*) were admitted and instructed.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted and the Reps. were duly admitted and instructed :

*Resolved*, To suspend the Rules, and admit and instruct all eligible candidates who are now present in the ante-room.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his semi-annual Communication, which was read and accepted ; and, on motion, referred to Reps. W. W. Pierce, Caleb Rand and P. K. Hills, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained, and appointing proper Committees thereon.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. G. Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**PATRIARCHS**,—We have again assembled for the purpose of legislating for the Patriarchal Branch of our Order. I regret that I cannot present its condition so prosperous, as has been done by my predecessors.

In numerical strength, the Subordinates remain nearly in the same condition, as reported at the last Annual Session ; there being a decrease only, by suspension, expulsion, withdrawals and deaths, according to the returns forwarded to the Grand Scribe, of 43.

The Grand Scribe has reported to me that the returns from Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, Middlesex, No. 9, Wanackmamack, No. 16, have not been received for three terms, and Charles River, No. 22, for two terms. Section 6, Article 6, of the Constitution provides, that a Subordinate Encampment neglecting or refusing to make its returns for two regular terms, is liable to forfeiture of Charter. I submit the cases of these Encampments for your consideration.

Since our Annual Session I have received no communication from the Subordinates, which required an official answer, which indicates, that, although this branch of the Order may not be in a very prosperous, it is in a harmonious condition.

A communication has been received by me purporting to be from Wompatuck Encampment, No. 18, located at Hingham, requesting the Grand Officers to install their officers on the 2d of January last ; not recognizing such an Encampment as being under this jurisdiction, I declined answering it, and submit it together with the Report of the D. D. Grand Patriarch for your serious consideration.

Reports have been received only from Districts Nos. 1, 2, 11, 15, 17, 19 and 26. With the exception of Howard Encampment, No. 19, and Metacomet, No. 26, the Deputies report the several Encampments under their charge to be in a healthy condition, and Massasoit and Tri-Mount in a very prosperous condition. The D. D. of Howard reports that it has "just breath, and that is all." Of the other Encampments I can give no account, not having received their reports.

The D. D. of Metacomet Encampment reports it to be in as good condition "*as the average*," and at the same time presents a protest against the Tax laid upon its members at the last session for the support of the Grand Encampment, which protest will be laid before this R. W. Grand Body by the Grand Scribe.

The Grand Scribe will present for your consideration a communication received from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in relation to the Wildey Fund.

Trusting that the deliberations of this day's Session may tend to increase the prosperity of our Order, I respectfully submit this my first Report.

WILLIAM H. JONES, *Grand Patriarch*.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which was laid on the table until the Finance Committee shall have made their report.

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of ,  
Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

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1849—Sept. 10.	To Cash received of Addison Ware, borrowed on Note signed by G. Officers, payable in six months, . . . . .	\$ 50 00
1850—Jan. 31.	Cash received at sundry times for Semi-Annual Dues and Cards, . . . . .	105 27
		<hr/> \$155 27

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1849—Sept. 10.	By Cash paid Grand Treasurer, . . .	\$ 50 00
1850—Jan. 23.	" " " " " " . . .	60 00
" " " "	Postage, . . . . .	1 75
" 31.	" " Scribe's Salary, . . . 50 00	50 00
	Less (donation) . . . 25 00	25 00
" " " "	Balance new account, . . . . .	18 52
		<hr/> \$155 27

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted the following Report on Returns, which was read and accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would report the Returns, for the Term ending December 31st, as follows :

Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 correct.

No. 8 incorrect in whole number and standing of members.

Nos. 14 and 20 last returns incorrect, and not having been corrected cannot examine.

No. 18 incorrect, no signature of C. P. or H. P.

No. 19 error in standing of members.

No. 27 cannot examine, as no return was made in July last.

Nos. 3, 9, 16 and 22, not received.

The Grand Scribe would here remark that if the Scribes of the several Encampments would use a little more caution in making their Returns, in respect to degrees attained by Patriarchs suspended, withdrawn, deceased, &c., it would save much labor both to themselves and him.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe.*

A Petition was received from seven Patriarchs of the R. P. Degree for an Encampment to be located in the town of Barnstable, to be known and hailed as Iyanough Encampment, No. 29, which was read and referred to Reps. Tisdale, G. Rep. Frost and W. W. Pierce.

A Communication from Grand Secretary Ridgely, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in relation to the Wildey Fund and Annuity, was read and ordered on file.

The following Protest from Metacomet Encampment, No. 26, was read, and, on motion, referred to Reps. P. C. P. Samuel Wells, Thomas Barr and Charles A. Smith.

*To the G. P., Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**BROTHERS :**

The undersigned, Officers of Metacomet Encampment, No. 26, at Fall River, for this purpose appointed, *do Protest against the increased Tax* laid upon the Subordinate Encampments as onerous, drawing from the Treasury funds devoted to other purposes ; and upon Encampments situated like ours, (with few members and a large per cent of those in distant lands, from whom the collection of dues is very uncertain,) exceedingly burdensome, and, if some change is not devised, we fear the consequences will prove fatal to a portion of the country



**Encampments.** Having ever given our countenance and cordial support to this branch of our Order, and obeyed your mandates, our Treasurer is directed to pay the D. D. the amount claimed by the Grand Encampment, hoping that, at your next session, some action will be taken for the relief of this branch of our Order.

We remain yours fraternally,

THOMAS J. PICKERING, *C. P.*

EDWIN SHAW, *H. P.*

JAMES FORD, *S. W.*

JOHN B. HATHAWAY, *Treasurer.*

H. N. GUNN, *Scribe.*

[Seal.]

FALL RIVER, JANUARY 9th, 1850.

The following Communication from Grand Secretary Ridgely, of the G. L. U. S., was read, and on motion, laid on the table, until the Grand Representatives shall have made their report.

I. O. O. F.

Office of Corresponding and Recording Secretary, R. W. G. L. U. S.

[Seal.]

To the M. W. G. Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Mass.

M. W. Sir and Brother,—In obedience to the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. States, adopted at the session of 1849, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary have made the assessment for defraying the expenses of the approaching adjourned and regular communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. The assessment is six and one-fourth cents on each member, the basis of calculation being the returns made to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the year 1848-9.

The assessment on your Grand body therefore amounts to \$97 37½.

I am directed by the Grand Sire to communicate the above information to you, and to request that your Grand body will respond by forwarding the amount of your assessment, to this office, at the earliest practicable moment. Herewith I send a copy from the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the proceedings above referred to.

In the Bonds of our Order, yours, &c.,

JAS. L. RIDGELY.

I. O. O. F.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. }

The following, among other proceedings, was had at the September session, 1849. Test,

*Resolved*, That the pay of representatives to and officers of this body, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) shall be three dollars per diem, during their attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Be it further resolved*, That in addition to the above, the said representatives and officers shall also receive six cents for each mile travelled from their respective residences, to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and back again ; the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route, between said points.

*And be it further resolved*, That the said per diem, allowance and mileage shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, on the certificate of the Grand Secretary.

*And be it further resolved*, That to meet the payment of the said per diem, allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body—said assessment to be estimated pro rata upon the number of members of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of such State Grand Bodies respectively.

Grand Rep. Cole submitted the following Report of the doings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Session, at Baltimore; which was read, and, on motion, accepted and ordered to be printed.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States necessarily published and in the possession of Grand and Subordinate Encampments some time previous to the ordinary presentation of the Report of the Grand Representatives, renders it unnecessary that a recapitulation of them should swell our journal and impose expense ; nevertheless, the subscribers, Grand Representatives from this Body to the Grand Lodge U. S., having attended its session held at Baltimore in September last, in conformity to usage submit the following brief Report of the Proceedings of that Body, relating to the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

One of the most important acts of the Grand Lodge U. S. at its last Session, was the passage of the following Resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Representatives to and Officers of this body, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed) shall be three dollars *per diem* during their attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Be it further Resolved*, That in addition to the above, the said Representatives and Officers shall also receive six cents for each mile travelled from their respective residences, to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., and back again, the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

*And be it further Resolved*, That the said *per diem*, allowance and mileage shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer on the certificate of the Grand Secretary.

*And be it further Resolved*, That to meet the payment of the said *per diem*, allowance and mileage the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body, said assessment to be estimated *pro rata* upon the number of members of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of such State Grand Bodies respectively.

It will be perceived by a reference to the Journal, that your Representatives believing that the passage of the above resolutions would eventually prove injurious to the pecuniary interest of the Order, and in every respect unnecessary, voted in opposition to their adoption. There can be but little doubt, we think, that the next session will repeal them.

An adjourned session of the Grand Lodge U. S. is to be holden at Cincinnati, on the second Monday in September next, to revise its Constitution ; said revision to be presented to the G. L. U. S. at its next annual session to be holden at Cincinnati, on the third Monday in September.

The difficulty in the jurisdiction of New York has been adjusted by the granting of an additional State Grand Lodge, and the permission of Subordinates to elect to which they will be attached, the Northern or Southern district. Your Representatives viewing this procedure as departing from the established laws of the Order, and as a dangerous precedent, were constrained, however anxious for quietude in N. York, to vote throughout in opposition to what was termed a compromise. They anxiously hope, however, that good may grow out of the discussion and decision of the Grand Lodge in this matter.

The subsequent legislation of the Grand Lodge is to be in more parliamentary form. Instead of the present mode of adopting reports which are recognized as laws and so spread over the Journal in their different stages of disposition, as to render it nearly impossible to ascertain what the laws really are. Committees are to report by bill, when practicable, and its passage or rejection be attained after the manner of Congress : thus we shall have a code of laws easily accessible, and more certain in their meaning.

It will be remembered that at the Session of the Grand Lodge U. S. of 1848, the work of the Order was established, not to be changed unless by an unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge. No such vote was passed at the last session, consequently the work remains as given by your Representatives at the last session of this Grand Body.

It being the duty of the senior Representative to write this Report, he will be excused, perchance, for acknowledging that he is greatly indebted to Grand Representative Parmenter, for the loan of his abstract. The following I copy from him.

*Expunging of Record.* It is not competent for an Encampment (or Lodge) to rescind from its minutes the record of the election of a member.—*G. Sire Kneass' decision, Proceedings G. L. U. S., Vol. III., pp. 268, 372, 391.*

**Resignation in Writing.** A member in good standing may sever his connection with the Order, by a written resignation.—*Ibid*, pp. 276, 327, 358.

**Suspension.** The suspension of a member terminates by its limitation, and he becomes reinstated without action on the part of his Lodge.—*Ibid*, pp. 383, 391.

**Expulsion of Suspended Members.** A member under suspension is still liable to discipline for unworthy conduct, and may be expelled.—*Ibid*, 278, 380, 390 : also 383, 391.

**Rejection of Card.** If an application for membership by deposit of card be rejected, the card must be returned to the applicant.—*Ibid*, pp. 277, 327, 357.

**Price of Depositing.** The price of the depositing of cards and the claims to benefits under them, are determined by the local authorities.—*Ibid*, pp. 281, 329, 358.

**Final Card.** An application for a final card may be withdrawn at any time previous to a vote thereon.—*Ibid*, pp. 279, 350, 389.

**Privileges of Final Card.** The holder of a final card may join in a funeral or other procession, with consent of the Lodge, having direction of the same. But not as a right pertaining to such card.—*Ibid*, pp. 279, 349, 381, 391.

**Final Card Expired.** A Lodge has no power over the holder of a final card after its limitation of twelve months.—*Ibid*, pp. 279, 354, 389.

**Suspended or Expelled Lodges.** No officer elected, nor member admitted, nor act performed by a Lodge during its suspension or expulsion can be recognized or legalized. By the reinstatement of a Lodge the rights, privileges and duties of the officers and members revive as if there had been no interruption.—*G. Sire Kneass decision, Ibid*, pp. 268, 372, 391.

**Patriarch, Member of Suspended Lodge.** If a patriarch be a member of a suspended Lodge, his membership in the Encampment ceases. But upon reinstatement of his Lodge and re-election to his Encampment, he cannot be charged for dues by the latter for the intervening time.—*G. Sire Kneass decision, Ibid*, pp. 268, 372, 391.

**Contempt Defined.** The refusal, or wilful neglect of a member to appear and answer to charges preferred against him constitutes contempt, within the meaning of the Digest.—*Div. 3, Art. 3, § 25. Ibid*, pp. 278, 380, 390.

**Divorced Wife as Witness.** Divorce from the bond of matrimony renders a woman competent to testify in the case of her husband. Otherwise if the divorce be from bed and board.—*Ibid*.

**Display of Emblems.** No member can use the Emblems of the Order by way of advertisement or public display not directly appertaining to the wants of the Order.—*Ibid*, pp. 279, 349, 363.

The above Report is most respectfully submitted, by your Representatives.

RAYMOND COLE, } *Grand Reps.*  
JOSEPH B. FROST, Jr. } *G. L. U. S.*

The Communication of the G. L. U. S. in reference to Tax, was then taken from the table and referred to Reps. A. B. Ely, P. G. P. Samuel Wells, and John R. Mullin, to report on the same at this session.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report, that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them properly vouched and correctly kept :

The Grand Scribe has received for note given by the G. Officers to Br. Addison Ware,	\$ 50 00	
For Cards and Semi-Annual Dues, . . . .	105 27	
	<hr/>	\$155 27
The G. Scribe has paid to the G. Treasurer,	\$110 00	
Incidental expenses, (postage, etc.) . . . .	1 75	
Grand Scribe's Salary, at the reduced rate proposed by himself at the August Session, . .	25 00	
Cash on hand, . . . . .	18 52	
	<hr/>	\$155 27
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The G. Treasurer had on hand, July 31, 1849,	\$ 59 43	
Amount received of Grand Scribe. . . . .	110 00	
	<hr/>	\$199 43
The G. Treasurer has paid, as per vouchers, .	\$192 75	
Cash on hand, . . . . .	6 68	
	<hr/>	\$199 43

There is due to this Grand Encampment from its Subordinates, for Semi-Annual Dues and Fines, \$253.67.

The amount that will be realized from this indebtedness and from the semi-annual dues of the present term, will, we trust, fully meet our liabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE WILLIAMS. .  
WM. H. PARKER.

*Boston, February 5, 1850.*

*Finance Committee.*

The Committee appointed on the Protest from Metacomet Encampment, No. 26, submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted :

***To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.***

The Committee to whom the Protest of Metacomet Encampment was committed, respectfully report :

That they have examined the subject of the Protest submitted to them, and find that at the last session of this R. W. Body such an amendment was made to the Constitution ; that, beside the payment by subordinates of fees on dues and degrees for the support of this Body, an annual per capita tax of fifteen cents should be paid by each Subordinate on each and every of its members in good standing. As a principle, the Committee are unanimously of opinion that a per capita tax upon its members operates more equally upon the Subordinate and its members than by any other method ; and the only matter of grievance in the protest, seems to relate to the amount of the tax imposed.

In consequence of a late law of the G. L. U. S., all Representatives to that Body are to be paid for their mileage and attendance out of its funds, and for the replenishing of its treasury for that purpose a per capita tax should be levied upon the Grand Encampments and through them upon their Subordinates, of six and a quarter cents upon each member.

Whether this arrangement of the G. L. U. S. is to be permanent is questionable, but whether it be retained or changed, the expense of this R. W. Body will be and remain about what they now are, and we do not believe that the Grand Encampment can be sustained at a less rate.

We, therefore, recommend that no further action be had upon said Protest.

SAMUEL WELLS,  
THOMAS BARR,  
CHARLES A. SMITH.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for an Encampment to be located at Barnstable, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and, on motion, the Charter was granted.

***To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.***

The Committee to whom was referred the application of seven Patriarchs for a Charter for an Encampment to be located at Barnstable, have attended to their duty, and Report that the application comes well recommended by brethren in that vicinity, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

E. D. TISDALE,  
JOSEPH B. FROST, Jr.  
WILLIAM W. PEIRCE.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Semi-Annual Report, which was read and accepted.

**Grand Treasurer's Report.***To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Treasurer would respectfully Report :

1849—Cash on hand at the August Session,	\$89 43
Sept. 10. Received of G. Scribe, .	50 00
1850—Jan. 22.       "       "       " .	60 00
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	\$199 43
Paid out as per vouchers, . . . . .	\$192 75
Balance of Cash on hand, . . . . .	6 68
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	199 43

Respectfully submitted,

J. NEWMARCH,

*Grand Treasurer.**Boston, Feb. 6, 1850.*

The Grand Scribe's Report was then taken from the table, and accepted.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That all excuses from fines be referred to the Board of Grand Officers.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Pat's Communication, submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was accepted and the recommendations adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on the Grand Patriarch's Communication, find the two following to be the only subjects requiring further action, and they recommend that the subject of Encampments Nos. 3, 9, 16, and 22, neglecting to make Returns, be referred to a Committee of three, viz. : Patriarchs Prince, Hills of Lowell, and Nassau.

That the subject of Wompatuck Encampment petending to be located at Hingham, be referred to a Committee of three, viz., Patriarchs Parmenter, Lord, and J. Mullin.

WM. W. PEIRCE,  
CALEB RAND,  
P. K. HILLS.

A Petition of seven Patriarchs of the Royal Purple Degree, for a new Encampment to be located at Fitchburg, to be known and hailed as Roulstone Encampment, No. 30 ; read and referred to Reps. P. G. P. Samuel Wells, Butts and George.

The following Petition from Shâlôm Encampment, No. 12, (with document accompanying from District Deputy, submitted by Grand Patriarch,) was received, read, and referred to Reps. Warner, Bowker, and Newmarch.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

Shalom Encampment, No. 12, presents the following, viz :—

At a regular meeting of Shalom Encampment, No. 12, held at Washington Hall, Roxbury, on Friday evening, January 4th, 1850, the following vote was unanimously passed, viz :

*Voted*, That a Committee of three be chosen, by nomination at large, to Petition the Grand Encampment for permission to remove Shalom Encampment, No. 12, from its present location to Friendship Hall, situated on Bowdoin Street, in Dorchester ; and, in accordance with the above vote, Patriarchs Stillman Stone, Solomon H. Willis, and William Withington were nominated, and the nomination was confirmed. It was then *Voted*, That one be added to the Committee, and Patriarch Joseph Byron was accordingly added.

Copy from Records.

Attest : **WILLIAM WITHINGTON, Scribe, pro tem.**

And in conformity with the duties assigned the above named Committee, We, Stillman Stone, S. H. Willis, William Withington, and Joseph Byron, do herein respectfully PETITION your Right Worthy Body for permission to remove Shalom Encampment, No. 12, from Roxbury to Dorchester, as per vote of the Encampment. The undersigned Committee do not deem it necessary to set forth in this Petition the reasons for the removal of the Encampment, inasmuch as they presume the situation of Shalom Encampment is well known to the Board of Grand Officers ; and they feel that they can advocate verbally before a Committee of your worthy Body, the removal of the Encampment in a manner far more satisfactory to themselves and all parties interested, than they can in this Petition.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.

[Seal.]

**STILLMAN STONE,  
SOLOMAN H. WILLIS,  
WILLIAM WITHINGTON,  
JOSEPH BYRON.**

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BOSTON, FEBRUARY 6th, 1850.

*To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, I. O. of O. F. of Massachusetts.*

The District Deputy of Shalom Encampment of Roxbury, offers the following Report :



There are but few members of this Encampment who seem to take an interest in its affairs, and it has often been difficult to get a quorum; most of those who do the best to sustain it reside in Dorchester, and there is a general desire to have it removed there, where, from what I have been able to learn, I think the prospect is good for its continuance, as many members of Lodges who are not of the Patriarchal branch of our Order have expressed a wish to become so, could they have an Encampment within a reasonable distance from their residences. The Encampment is out of debt, and as there is no prospect of its going on prosperously where it now is, I would recommend to the Grand Encampment to grant the Petition which will be presented for a change of location.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. POLLARD.

Rep. Ely, from the Committee on Tax of G. L. U. S., submitted the following Report which was read, accepted, and the Resolution adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States regarding Taxation by that Body, and the resolutions annexed, respectfully Report the following :

*Resolved*,—That the Communication and all matters connected therewith, be referred to G. C. P. Jones, G. Scribe Mudge, and Pats. Ellison, Mullin, and Ayers ; with full powers to communicate with other Grand Bodies, to devise such schemes and modes of action as may to them appear just and expedient, and to do all in the premises that they may deem for the best interests of this Body and of the Order in this State; and to report their doings at the next meeting of this Grand Encampment.

A. B. ELY, *in behalf of the Com.*

The Committee on Petition for a new Encampment at Fitchburg, submitted the following Report, which was read, accepted and Charter granted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was submitted the Petition of seven Patriarchs for a Charter for an Encampment to be located at Fitchburg, Report :

That, after hearing the petitioners, the Committee are satisfied that the wants of the Order require that the prayer of said petition be granted. They, therefore, recommend that a Charter be granted for an Encampment to be located at Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, to be known and hailed as Roulstone Encampment, No. 30.

SAMUEL WELLS,  
GEORGE BUTTS,  
N. M. GEORGE,

Rep. Warner from the Committee on Petition of Shâlôm Encampment, No. 12, submitted the following Report which was read, accepted, and the request of the Petitioners granted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the matter relating to the removal of Shalom Encampment, have attended to that duty, and are unanimous in the opinion that the wish of the Patriarchs of that Encampment be complied with, and that Shalom Encampment be removed to Dorchester.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. WARNER,  
DEXTER BOWKER,  
J. NEWMARCH.

February 6, 1850.

On motion, at 1 o'clock, the Grand Encampment adjourned to meet again at 2, P. M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
2 o'clock. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment assembled pursuant to adjournment.

P. G. Patriarch Parmenter, from the special Committee on that subject, made the following Report, which was read.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as has reference to the conduct of certain persons claiming to constitute an Encampment, Report :

That the records of this Grand Encampment will show that Wompatuck Encampment, which for a time was under suspension, was reinstated and its location changed from Hingham to East Weymouth. At the time of its reinstatement, certain members in possession of the charter, books, and property of the Encampment did not appear, nor did they surrender the books, &c., when demanded, and they still hold the same. These members were afterwards suspended for non-payment of dues, as appears by the return of Wompatuck Encampment. They have since formed a combination which they style Wompatuck Encamp-

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ment, having its meetings at Hingham, and have had the insolence to notify the Grand Patriarch of their election of officers, as if they were in good standing. The Committee recommend that these persons be made subject to the discipline of the Order, and that Wompatuck Encampment be instructed to try them for insubordination, in refusing to surrender the books and property of that Encampment, and for acting in an illegal body as an Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
JOHN R. MULLIN,  
HARGREAVES LORD.

*Resolved*, That Wompatuck Encampment be, and it hereby is instructed to proceed forthwith to file charges against, and to bring to trial for insubordination and unworthy conduct, those persons who retain the books and other property of that Encampment, and who form an illegal and irregular body styled an Encampment, and holding its sessions at Hingham.

Much debate ensued, the question recurring on the adoption of the Resolution, Rep. Frost moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Encampment, was put in the form following :—" Shall the main question be now put ?"—which was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put :—" Will the Grand Encampment accept the Report and adopt the Resolution accompanying the same ?"—which was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Grand Rep. Frost presented the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That a Charter be granted to Wompatuck Encampment in lieu of that which was originally granted, and which is wrongfully withheld from them.

The Committee appointed on so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication, on that subject, made the following Report, which was read :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the cases of Encampments, Nos. 3, 9, 16, and 22, have attended to the duty, and are ready to Report :

In relation to No. 3, they can only give such facts as have been presented to them by reliable sources. Your Committee is informed that there is no attendance of the members of this Encampment. it is in an unhealthy state, and there is no prospect of its condition improving.

What is said of No. 8, may be justly said of No. 9; your Committee will here call the notice of the Grand Encampment to this fact,—here are two Encampments within a short distance of each other, trying to sustain themselves; with their resources, it is evident, one or the other must cease to exist. It is not for your Committee to say which must die, for, in their opinion, there is no choice betwixt them, but both possess a precarious existence, and will leave it for the officers of the Grand Encampment to decide finally.

In regard to No. 22, the officers of that Encampment have not as yet been installed, two attempts have been made and failed.

Of No. 16, there was no one present from that Encampment, and your Committee received what information they have, from a Patriarch from New Bedford, he informing us that nearly if not all its members have gone to California, and there is no effort to hold a meeting of the Encampment.

Your Committee have merely presented such facts as their limited time would allow them to collect, and without any other recommendation, they would refer this Report and the cases of the Encampments, to the Board of Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment for their final decision.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

H. PRINCE,  
ELIPHALET HILLS,  
WILLIAM N. NASSAU.

Grand Scribe Mudge moved for action on the Encampments severally, which was agreed to; and the following resolutions were severally passed:

*Resolved*, That the Charter of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, located at Medford, be reclaimed.

*Resolved*, That the Charter of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, located at Malden, be reclaimed.

*Resolved*, That any further action in relation to Wanackmamack Encampment, No. 16, located at Nantucket, be laid over until the August Session.

*Resolved*, That any further action in relation to Charles River Encampment, No. 22, Cambridge, be laid over until the August Session.

On motion of Grand Scribe Mudge, the following Resolution was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Hall-Keeper receive \$3, for attendance and cleaning the Hall.

**On motion, the following Resolution was agreed to :**

***Resolved,*** That the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge U. S., proceed to instruct this Grand Encampment in the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

**The Grand Encampment having been thoroughly instructed in the Work, at 4½ o'clock, P. M., it adjourned *sine die*.**

**Attest :**

**ALFRED MUDGE,**  
***Grand Scribe.***

*NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing Jan. 1, 1850.*

	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1	David Ayres,	F. A. Kemp,	J. M. Burgess,	J. Hamblet, Jr.	William H. Jones,	R. M. Baker.
2	William H. Cook,	J. W. Barton,	H. W. Swett,	William B. May,	R. W. Hall,	A. B. Childs.
4	R. P. Sanborn,	G. L. Putnam,	F. Perkins,	C. Carter,	L. A. Cutter,	J. Kendall.
5	R. B. Edes, Jr.	Joseph Caldwell,	H. B. Brame,	D. W. Sargent,	Joseph Wells,	J. A. D. Worcester.
6	Jos. Winsor, Jr.	G. H. Wheeler,	Alvin Howard,	Wm. H. Austin,	Ed. R. Rich,	Chas. H. White.
7	Albert Currier,	G. W. Gearey,	J. D. Rundlett,	S. S. Blake,	Moses H. Sargent,	Edward Burrill.
8	William Reed,	John Fuller,	George H. Taber,	G. L. Brownell,		J. W. Nickerson.
10	F. J. Gouch,	A. Chaffin,	J. M. Pratt,	William Duncan,	Wm. Greenleaf,	T. Raymond.
11	W. S. Albertson,	C. H. Barker,	Jacob Jackson,	J. W. Coltman,	S. F. Barrett,	George Butts.
12	Wm. Withington,	S. H. Willis,	Nath. Haley,	E. Stone,	Joseph Byron,	Stillman Stone.
13	J. Farnham, Jr.	J. W. Moulton,	John White,	Ava A. Evans,	J. W. Rhoades,	Joseph Swasey.
14	D. S. Dickerman,	S. Thayer,	S. N. Ould,	J. M. Cook,	C. McMonagale,	Peter Chick.
15	H. Starkweather,	F. A. Clark,	J. B. Augur,	Justin Thayer,	J. L. Wells,	J. W. Wilson.
17	J. C. Caryl,	W. W. Curtis,	Eben Meserve,	J. D. Ashton,	John Gierlow,	J. A. Sawtell.
18	Stephen Cain,	J. P. Lovell,	S. French, 2d.	E. U. Woodward,	Elisha Pratt,	Joseph Jacobs.
19	Jonas Munroe,	Leonard Holmes,	T. Phelps,	Daniel Evans,	H. E. Clapp,	Joseph D. Pierce.
20	A. C. Mayhew,	S. Sumner,	J. P. Dale,	N. P. Ellsworth,	D. B. Rockwood,	Abel Littlefield.
21	A. M. Granger,	J. L. Peck,	D. D. Millard,	Henry Groot,	Geo. G. Parker,	J. Robbins.
23	Elijah Endicott,	George Vail,	Thos. H. Ridlon,	Joshua Foster,	F. B. Fay,	Robert Davidson.
24	J. A. Mead,	George Marden,	J. Fitts,	George E. Monk,	William Tozer,	W. A. Hawes,
25	Ephraim Harris,	Rufus Chandler,	George Smith,	S. T. Averell,	Samuel Leonard,	S. S. Holmes.
26	T. J. Pickering,	Edwin Shaw,	J. Ford, 2d.	J. Rowell,	H. N. Gunn,	J. B. Hathaway.
27	W. T. Davis,	Joseph Beals,	L. D. Seymore,	R. Easen,	Rufus Howland,	J. R. Holten.
28	L. C. Thayer,	Edward Hubbard,	S. M. Whipple,	J. W. Howland,	A. A. Richmond,	S. W. Brayton.

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the Term ending Dec. 31, 1849.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where Held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Per centage due Grand
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	6	6	2	...	2	4	14	...	3	...	187	\$463 13	\$21 73
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do,	do.	1	1	...	2	2	...	2	1	...	...	225	387 76	19 07
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	Middlesex,	2	2	...	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	98	210 15	9 67
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	114	186 12	12 15
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Suffolk,	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	54	90 01	4 05
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	76	212 01	7 40
Anawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	53	82 51	5 45
Wachusett, . . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	1	1	...	...	...	...	8	...	1	...	52	67 16	5 10
Nahant, . . .	11	East Boston,	Suffolk,	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	37	30 00	2 78
Shâlôm, . . .	12	Roxbury,	Norfolk,	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	23	54 25	1 73
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	155 82	8 18
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	81 75	4 73
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	38 10	3 67
*Wanacknamack	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	20	32 75	1 50
Wompatuck, . .	18	E. Weymouth,	Plymouth,	...	...	...	...	1	...	22	...	...	...	12	13 00	90
Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	6 00	2 25
Quinshepaug, . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	33	69 50	2 47
Grey Lock, . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	52	157 23	12 30
*Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Samaritan, . . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	52	78 50	3 90

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Pr. centage due Grand Encamp't.
Mt. Hebron, . .	24	N. Stoughton,	Norfolk,	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	24	\$ 41 65	\$ 3 00
Agawam, . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	82	163 00	6 15
Metacomet, . .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	35 25	4 05
Green River, . .	27	Greenfield,	Franklin,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	38 79	4 43
Wells, . . . .	28	North Adams,	Berkshire,	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	43 75	8 40
Iyanough, . .	29	Barnstable,	Barnstable,													
Roulstone, . .	30	Fitchburg,	Worcester,													
* No Report.				30	33	2	3	23	5	67	2	10	1526	1626	\$2645.10	\$155 06





# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

OF THE

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

OF THE

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON, JULY 31st, 1850.**

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**BOSTON :**

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ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
I. O. of O. F.

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OASIS HALL, BOSTON, }  
Wednesday, July 31, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

WILLIAM H. JONES,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
Rev. WM. TOZER,	" <i>High Priest.</i>
P. K. HILLS,	" <i>Sen. Warden, pro tem.</i>
ALFRED MUDGE,	" <i>Scribe.</i>
JOS. NEWMARCH,	" <i>Treasurer.</i>
A. W. POLLARD,	" <i>Junior Warden.</i>
JOSEPH B. FROST,	" <i>Representative.</i>

and a due Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form,

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion, The reading of the Records of the last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Reps. J. R. Mullin and W. H. Warner, to examine the Certificates of Representatives.

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Wm. Ellison, it was *Resolved*, That the rule [see page 20, Feb. Session, 1847,] in relation to instructing candidates at 11 o'clock, A. M., be rescinded.

The Grand Scribe submitted the following Report on Returns, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would report the Returns for the Term ending June 30, as follows :

Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, correct.

Nos. 10, 16, 19, 20, 22, not received—fined.

Nos. 13, 17, 21, 25, were not received in season to exempt them from fine.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Committee on Certificates of Representatives submitted the following Report, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, would report the following as correct, viz :

**MASSASOIT, No. 1.**—*P. C. P's*, Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, C. C. Hayden, Albert Guild, Wm. Ellison, John R. Mullin, Louis Dennis, David Ayres, John Binney, Judson Murdoch, N. M. George, A. B. Ely, Aram Youlen, George H. Foote.—*P. H. P's*, Robert L. Robbins, William H. Jones, A. P. Cleverly, Charles A. Smith, L. M. Smith, A. W. Pollard, Samuel Prince, Dexter Bowker, A. S. Ferguson, S. B. Krogman, Sanborn Fifield, S. F. Wilson, F. A. Kemp, Jos. Newmarch, Mortimer Lyon.

**TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.**—*P. C. P's*, Edward Tyler, N. A. Thompson, John McClellan, Geo. Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, William A. Bell, William H. Parker, E. P. Dolbeare, Jr., William M. Nassau, Robert W. Hall, William H. Cook, T. J. Leland, J. B. Cook.—*P. H. P's*, Raymond Cole, Joseph B. Frost, Jr., G. L. Drinkwater, E. M. P. Wells, Edwin Brown, H. L. Devereaux, William P. Baker, Samuel Nicolson, Levi Wilkins, J. W. Barton, Darius Forbes.

**MONOMAKE, No. 4.**—*P. C. P's*, Reuben P. Sanborn, L. A. Cutler, Charles Stimpson, R. J. Garrett, Eliphalet Hills.—*P. H. P's*, William Clark, Hargreaves Lord, Jesse E. Farnsworth.

**BUNKER HILL, No. 5.**—*P. C. P's*, Elbridge Brown, N. Y. Culbertson, Isaac C. Cushing, Isaac Cook, William Caban, Nahum Chapin, Robert E. Edes, Jr., H. P. Fairbanks, Samuel Palmer, W. W. Pierce, Caleb Rand, Warren Tapley, Ashbell Waitt, J. A. D. Worcester.—*P. H. P's*, N. B. Brooks, J. C. Cutter, A. H. Cole, Joseph Caldwell, W. M. Edmands, George Fuller, Francis Simonds, Gardner R. Welch, Joseph Wells.

**MT. WASHINGTON, No. 6.**—*P. C. P's*, Brewster Reynolds, C. D. Strong, Charles Sampson, Daniel Hall, Samuel Newmarch, Moses L. Capen, John Davis, Jr., Geo. Page, Chas. H. Reed, Jos. Winsor, Jr.—*P. H. P's*, Charles H. White, Reuben Wheeler, William A. Butters, A. M. Holden, Thomas Hill, Jr., James McFarland, J. H. Graupner, J. A. Stearns, Joseph Cleasby, George H. Wheeler.

**MERRIMACK, No. 7.**—*P. C. P's*, Eben. S. Stearns, Geo. Emery, Phillip K. Hills, Charles R. Sargent, John Coombs, J. W. Sargent, John N. Willis, Edward Burrill, William Forbes, George W. Geary, Albert Currier.—*P. H. P's*, Thomas H. Lord, George T. Granger, William Bradstreet, Dexter Dana, Enoch Gerrish, Moses Hale, Edwin A. Eaton, Thomas Pearson.

**ANNAWAN, No. 8.**—*P. C. P's*, Jas. S. Barney, Timothy Ingraham.

**NAHANT, No. 11.**—Sumner Barrett, William H. Calrow, W. T. Albertson.—*P. H. P's*, Charles H. Barker, George Butts, Edwin Butts, John Davis.

**SHALOM, No. 12.**—*P. C. P's*, Ira Allen, B. F. Campbell, G. B. Davis, J. S. F. Huddleston, Stillman Stone, William Withington.—*P. H. P's*, Joseph Byron, A. J. P. Whitcomb, Asa Wyman, Asa Wyman, Jr., S. H. Willis.

**NAUMKEAG, No. 13.**—*P. C. P's*, William Archer, Jr., Samuel B. Foster, Franklin Grant, John C. Howard, Walter S. Harris, J. Kimball, Jonathan Perley, Jr., J. M. Decker, Stephen Whitmore, Jr., Joseph Farnham, Jr.—*P. H. P's*, Israel D. Shepard, William Saunders, Robt. T. Clough, Simeon Flint, Benjamin S. Grush, John W. Rhoades, Enoch K. Noyes, George H. Pierson, Joshua W. Moulton.

**NAOMI, No. 14.**—*P. C. P's*, J. M. Cook, J. P. Ellis, A. A. Leach, P. Chick, W. M. Hale, D. S. Dickerman, L. Blood.—*P. H. P's*, E. D. Tisdale, C. Foster, W. H. Brown, S. Thayer, A. F. Brown, H. W. Coggeshall.

**MT. HOLYOKE, No. 15.**—*P. C. P's*, Samuel Wells, Amos H. Bullen, L. J. Washburn, Curtis R. Parsons, Enos Parsons, Charles K. Hawkes, William C. Prentiss, H. K. Starkweather, Jr.—*P. H. P's*, Addison H. Peck, James Thompson, Webster Herrick, F. A. Clark.

**LOWELL, No. 17.**—*P. C. P's*, Thomas Barr, John Gillespie, Thos. E. Roberts, J. D. Ashton.—*P. H. P's*, George Ashworth, E. D. Bearse, John Gierlow, J. A. Sawtell.

**QUINSHIPAUG, No. 20.**—*P. C. P.*, Charles A. Barber.

**GREY LOCK, No. 21.**—*P. C. P's*, C. A. Stewart, Charles Rule, N. S. Dodge, George G. Parker, C. B. Golden.—*P. H. P's*, Charles E. Hewes, A. J. Lewis, George P. Groot, W. L. Axtell, R. Jones.

**MT. HEBRON, No. 24.**—*P. C. P's*, E. Withington, J. A. Mead, N. Withington, Jr., Luther Hayden.—*P. H. P's*, Wm. Tozer, Wm. Page, Jefferson Fitts, G. Marden.

**AGAWAM, No. 25.**—*P. H. P.*, Rufus Chandler.

**METACOMET, No. 26.**—*P. C. P's*, Edwin Shaw, Thos. J. Pickering.

**WELLS, No. 28.**—*P. C. P.*, S. W. Brayton.—*P. H. P.*, W. H. Warner.

**IYANOUGH, No. 29.**—*P. C. P.*, S. M. Small.—*P. H. P.*, O. G. Woodbury.

**ROULSTONE, No. 30.**—*P. C. P.*, Charles Fessenden.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report, which was accepted :

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

**ALFRED MUDGE**, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

**DR.**

1850—Feb. 1.	To balance on hand,	- - -	\$18 52
July 31.	Cash received at sundry times for		
	Semi-Annual Dues, Cards, &c.	- 174 86	
			<b>\$193 38</b>

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1850—March 27.	Cash paid, Instituting Roulstone		
	Encampment,	- - -	\$13 60
Feb. 25.	Cash paid, Instituting Iyanough		
	Encampment,	- - -	11 50
July 26.	Cash paid, installing Officers of		
	Roulstone Encampment,	- -	8 12
Feb. 25.	Filling Charters as above,	-	2 50
July 1.	Paid Grand Treasurer,	- -	50 00
" 31.	Postage to date,	- -	2 10
" 31.	Scribe's Salary, 6 months, \$50.		
	Less, donation, 25.		25 00
" 31.	Balance to new account,	- -	80 56
			<b>\$193 38</b>

Respectfully submitted,

**ALFRED MUDGE**, *Grand Scribe.*

Certificates of Reps. T. Ingraham and J. S. Barney, from Annawan Encampment, No. 8, were reported as incorrect, not having the C. P.'s signature thereon. On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That Reps. Ingraham and Barney, be admitted and instructed.

The Representatives in waiting, who had not received the Grand Encampment Degree, were then introduced and instructed therein.

On motion of G. H. Priest Wm. Tozer, it was

*Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment instruct again at 11 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and referred to Patriarchs Ely, Lord, and Ingraham, for the purpose of nominating suitable Committees on such portions of it as it is necessary to bring before this Grand Body.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Encampment :*

**PATRIARCHS**,—Previous to retiring from the honorable and responsible office I now hold, it becomes my duty to give an account (as far as lies in my power,) of the condition of the Order within this jurisdiction.

I regret that I cannot congratulate you upon its rapid progress, or wide extension, during the year I have had the honor to preside over it. Two tents only have been spread, viz : Iyanough, No. 29, located at Barnstable, which was instituted March 21st, by P. C. P. Mullin, assisted by P. C. P. Nassau ; and Roulstone Encampment, No. 30, at Fitchburg, which was instituted March 27th, by P. G. Patriarch Samuel Wells, assisted by myself and a delegation from members of the Grand Encampment belonging to Bunker Hill Encampment.

The Charters of Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, and Middlesex, No. 9, have been reclaimed, but they have not been surrendered. I have understood from some of the officers of Charles River, No. 22, that it had surrendered its Charter : no official notice of the fact has been received by me, neither have the books, papers, and property of the Encampment been surrendered.

At the February Session, a Resolution was adopted instructing Wompatuck Encampment to proceed forthwith to file charges against,



and to bring to trial for insubordination and unworthy conduct, those persons who retain the books and other property of that Encampment, and who form an illegal body styled an Encampment, and holding its sessions in Hingham. It becomes my duty to inform you that Wompatuck Encampment has neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Grand Body. I cannot believe that the Encampment, composed as it is of some of the most worthy members of this branch of the Order, have neglected or refused to obey the mandate of the Grand Encampment out of disrespect to this Body, or to set its authority at defiance. There are, probably, some circumstances connected with this case which have deterred the Encampment from proceeding according to the directions of the Grand Encampment, which may be satisfactorily explained by its Representatives or D. D. G. Patriarch. I would recommend that a Committee be appointed to investigate the case.

You will perceive, by the Report of the Grand Scribe, that the number of contributing members is 41 less than reported at the Annual Session, 1849.

Eight District Deputy Grand Patriarchs only, have reported to me, I am therefore unable to give you full information with regard to the condition and prosperity of the Subordinates. From personal knowledge, I can report Massasoit and Tri-Mount Encampments to be in a very flourishing condition. Our worthy Grand High Priest reports Mt. Hebron to be in a good condition, although it has diminished in numbers. Our worthy P. G. Junior Warden who has charge of Merrimack, No. 7, does not present its condition in a favorable light. He asks, "What is to be the fate of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order in this State?" I shall refer, indirectly, to this subject, and leave the Grand Encampment to decide.

Patriarch Pollard, the D. D. of Shâlôm, No. 12, informs me that there has been but little change in its condition; there has been but a small increase in its numbers, yet I have reason to believe that, having pitched its tent upon a new soil, it will prosper.

Patriarch Butts, Deputy of Nahant, No. 11, reports the Encampment free from debts under which it had been laboring for a long time, and that it will, probably, present a petition to this body for a change of name.

Naomi, No. 14, has been unfortunate in losing its furniture, &c., by the fire which destroyed the Hall in which it met, in June last. The Deputy does not report the condition of the Encampment.

Patriarch Farnsworth, the Deputy of Monomake, represents the Encampment to be in good condition, and doing well.

I think it proper to allude to a subject which recently has received some attention within this jurisdiction, and which has been discussed, as it appears to me, without sufficient understanding of the difficulties pertaining to it. This subject is the union of the Patriarchal and Subordinate branches. The condition of the former Branch throughout the country, by no means requires that such a course should be pursued,

for its preservation ; and I am not convinced that if the scheme were practicable it would be expedient to sacrifice a prosperous and honorable department of the Order, with no better prospect than that of incumbering another branch with additional requirements. But, however this may be, such an union is impossible, except by the universal surrender of Charters of Grand and Subordinate Encampments throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. No action of the supreme Body can be effectual, for this purpose ; for so long as seven members of any Encampment choose to hold its Charter, it is unreclaimable, and the union cannot therefore be consummated. It is not a for moment to be supposed that the great and successful jurisdictions in our neighborhood, are ready to surrender their authority ; and it is not then advisable to agitate the Order unnecessarily, by random discussions upon questions which it is beyond the legislative power of our Grand Bodies to determine.

Another important subject will be submitted for your consideration. I refer to the Report of the joint committee appointed by this Body and the Right Worthy Grand Lodge at the sessions in February last, in relation to the Tax levied by the Grand Lodge of the United States upon State Grand Lodges and Encampments. So far as dollars and cents are concerned, it would make but little difference with this Grand Encampment ; but as other principles are involved in the passage of this vote by the G. L. U. S., I recommend that the Report receive your careful consideration.

You will perceive by the Finance Committee's Report that the funds of the Grand Encampment are not in a very prosperous condition. The Tax levied by the Grand Lodge of the United States, (if paid,) and the expenses of the Grand Representatives to attend the adjourned and regular Sessions at Cincinnati, will require that some provision should be made to meet them. I leave it with you to devise the means.

**PATRIARCHS,**—The duties of Grand Patriarch, since I have had the honor of holding that office, have been trifling compared with those of my predecessors. Such as I have been called upon to perform, I have endeavored to discharge faithfully and for the interests of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments. I cannot leave this chair without expressing the gratitude I feel for the assistance which has been rendered me by my associates in office, and the kind and brotherly treatment which has been extended to me by every member of the Grand Encampment with whom I have been associated.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

WILLIAM H. JONES, *Grand Patriarch.*

The action on Wanaackmamack Encampment, No. 16, laid over from the February Session, was taken up ; and it being represented that the reason why said Encampment had

not transacted any business or made its Returns for the past year, was on account of a majority of its members being absent in California, it was

*Resolved*, That further action, in reference to said Encampment, be laid over until the next session of the Grand Encampment.

Action, in reference to Charles River Encampment, No. 22, laid over from February Session, was taken up ; and again laid on the table, until the next Session.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers ; Reps. Ellison, Cutler, and Krogman were appointed a Committee to superintend the ballot.

The Grand Encampment took a recess of ten minutes.

The Committee, to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and nominations confirmed :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed on the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication, respectfully report :

That so much of the same as respects Wompatuck Encampment, No. 18, be referred to Reps. H. Lord, P. K. Hills, and J. R. Mullin.

That so much as relates to Menotomy and Middlesex Encampments, be referred to Reps. Warner, of North Adams, Gierlow, of Lowell, and Barney, of New Bedford.

That so much as relates to Reports of District Deputies, be referred to Reps. Rand, of Charlestown, Brayton, of N. Adams, and Chandler, of Springfield.

That so much as relates to the Finances of this Grand Body, be referred to Reps. Ellison, of Boston, Ingraham, of New Bedford, and Hills, of Lowell.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED B. ELY,  
H. LORD,  
T. INGRAHAM.

The Committee chosen at the last Session of this Grand Body, in reference to the Tax levied by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last Session, submitted the following

**Report; which was received and laid on the table, until after the election of the Grand Officers.**

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the Special Tax, levied by the Grand Lodge of the United States on the several State Grand Bodies, respectfully Report :

That, pursuant to agreement, the Committees of the R. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment met together, and after due deliberation, adopted an address which has been sent to the several Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and to the several Subordinates in this State :—a copy of which address we, herewith, present.

Respectfully submitted,

**WILLIAM H. JONES,  
DAVID AYRES,  
ALFRED MUDGE,  
JOHN R. MULLIN.**

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**I. O. of O. F.**

*Boston, April 25, 1850.*

**To the R. W. Grand — of —, I. O. of O. F.**

*R. W. Sirs and Brothers,*—The undersigned, Committees of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, of Massachusetts, to whom was referred the subject matter of the Special Tax levied by the Grand Lodge of the United States on the several State Grand Bodies, have adopted the following as expressive of their views in relation to the action had by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which they beg leave most respectfully to submit to your R. W. Body.

To arrive at a just and right conclusion it will be necessary, occasionally, to refer to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to examine thoroughly the decisions heretofore made by that Body in considering proposed amendments to the Constitution.

The questions, then, which naturally arise are—

1st.—Was the amendment to Article XII of the Constitution adopted in the manner and form prescribed by that instrument, as heretofore interpreted by that Body?

2d.—Can the Grand Lodge of the United States, by resolution, impose a Special Tax, when the Constitution enumerates the several sources from which its revenue shall be collected?

Article XVIII of the Constitution provides that “any alteration or amendment of this Constitution must be offered to this Grand Lodge—in writing—at a stated meeting thereof, and, if seconded, it shall be entered on the minutes; at the next stated meeting the amendments

may be considered, and, if agreed to by two thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution." The undersigned are of the opinion, that the amendment to Article XII, of the Constitution, was not legally adopted; inasmuch as the whole of the original proposition was not acted upon at once, but was divided and a direct vote had on the first sentence of the proposition only, and as an amendment to an amendment of the Constitution is not admissable, therefore, to divide the question of amendment is equally inadmissable.

In 1946, Grand Sire Sherlock decided that it was not in order to amend a proposed amendment to the Constitution, and on appeal being taken from his decision, it was sustained by the Grand Lodge; notwithstanding the amendment offered was merely to alter the phraseology, without changing the substantive proposition.—[Vol. 2, p. 259.

At the very last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States an amendment was offered to a proposed amendment of the Constitution, and was, by the Grand Sire, ruled out of order. Now, if it be not in order at the time of taking final action on a proposed amendment to the Constitution to amend the amendment, can it be in order to divide the question of amendment so as to adopt the first part and reject or lay on the table the remaining part of the proposed amendment? A motion to amend, by striking out, is declared to be out of order; but to divide the question of amendment so as to adopt one part and reject the remainder, which is in effect to amend by striking out, is held by the same Body to be in order.

The effect of an amendment to the amendment, and a division of the question of amendment, so that a part may be adopted and the remainder rejected, is the same. Your Committee are, therefore, clearly of the opinion, that, inasmuch as the amendment to Article XII of the Constitution was not acted upon as a whole but was divided and the first part only adopted, it was not legally passed—it not having been acted upon in a formal manner.

Article XII of the Constitution provides that "the revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

- 1st. Fees for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment Charters, \$30.
- 2d. Fees for Charter for Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, \$30.
- 3d. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments holding warrants from this Lodge, 10 per centum on their receipts.
- 4th. Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, \$20 per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge."

Article XII of the Constitution is perfectly plain, there is no difficulty attending its interpretation, the various sources of revenue are there specifically enumerated. The Grand Lodge of the United States cannot levy a Special Tax, nor can they collect any revenue, whatever, from sources other than those set forth in Article XII of the Constitution; if additional revenue is needed to pay ordinary or extraordinary

expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States, provision must be made by altering the Constitution first, it cannot be done by mere resolution,—and that the original mover in this matter of a Special Tax so viewed the matter at one time, as did also a very respectable minority of the Grand Lodge at a later period, is apparent upon the Record. This Tax was first presented by Representative Spooner, of Ohio, *as an amendment* to Article XII of the Constitution, in this form it was laid upon the table early in the session ; it was subsequently revived in the shape of Resolutions, and, when the question of their passage came up, P. G. Sire Kneas very properly raised the following question of order, —“whether the fourth Resolution is not an alteration of, or amendment to, the Constitution of this Body, and should then lie over to the next Session ; inasmuch as it provides for the raising of additional revenue by an annual assessment upon each Grand Body, when the 12th Article of the said Constitution provides for all the revenue collected by this Body.”

The Chair hereupon ruled,—“That the 12th Article having been amended at the present Communication, so as to require the payment of the expenses of Representation by the Grand Lodge, any law necessary to carry that into effect may be considered *as a law*, and not as a Constitutional amendment : the amendment having been made to the revenue Article, pre-supposes further action in the way of law.”

This remarkable decision was sustained by the Grand Lodge, by a vote of 52 to 24. It would be more creditable to that Body to say, that the amendment to the “Revenue Act,” alluded to by the Grand Sire, pre-supposed a Treasury afflicted with plethora, than it would to suppose that the members of that worthy Body really and seriously expected that the Treasury would be, for any considerable length of time, replenished by means of a Special Tax so unjustly and unconstitutionally imposed. Now we contend that this decision was—and, so long as it is maintained by the Grand Lodge, is—entirely subversive of that Article of the Constitution, which defines the method of its amendment ; this will be seen if we but trace, for a moment, its operation. The Grand Lodge receives an amendment to the Constitution, at one meeting, of an apparently unimportant character, takes it up at its next meeting and passes it by the Constitutional vote of two-thirds ; now for the afterpart, the majority wish to carry through a measure of a really important character, and, in order to do this, they have only to decide that it is rendered necessary by the passage of the *unimportant* amendment to the Constitution, and it thus becomes law, and, as such, must be obeyed.

Why has the Grand Lodge been particular in making a Constitutional provision that “The Revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows,” if it can, at will, overstep the boundaries of the Constitution, and set aside every limit therein contained ; and, at pleasure, by resolution, open new channels of revenue, and levy special taxes at discretion. The proposition is self-evident, that, whenever the Constitution prescribes particular sources of revenue, it is beyond the power of the Body acting under such Constitution to collect any revenue whatever

other than from the sources specially enumerated. If the power of the Grand Lodge of the United States is unlimited and illimitable, why has a Constitution been adopted, what need is there of any Constitution at all?

If the whole intent and meaning of the Constitution can at once be changed by resolution, then, indeed, there is no call for such an instrument; and it were better that it never had been adopted. It never could have been intended, by the framers of the Constitution, to give to the Grand Lodge of the United States power to set at nought its provisions at pleasure, but, on the contrary, their evident intentions were to fix limits within which the legislation of that Body should be confined. Taxation and Representation ought always to go hand in hand, and this great republican principle should form the basis of Taxation by, and State Representation in, the Grand Lodge of the United States; but, in the case before us, this principal is wholly reversed,—the many are, indeed, onerously taxed, the benefit accrues only to the few. The Special Tax, levied by the Grand Lodge, is mainly paid by the older and larger jurisdictions comprising a vast majority of the whole Order, while the smaller jurisdiction comprising but a small minority of the Order, control the legislation of that Body and to whose mandates the majority are required to yield implicit obedience. The jurisdictions of Northern and Southern New-York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Massachusetts are called upon to pay more than one-half of this Special Tax, and yet are entitled to only about one-fifth of the whole number of Representatives.

We hold, therefore, that the Special Tax levied by the Grand Lodge of the United States is unconstitutional and inexpedient, that it is unjust in its application, unequal in its operation, and that the interests of the whole Order demand its immediate repeal. We would, therefore, urge upon the Grand Lodge of the United States the importance and necessity of reconsidering the whole subject at the earliest possible moment, believing that the present arrangement, if persisted in, will be of incalculable injury to the Order. And we deem it highly important to the existence of the Institution, that a determined and well-directed effort should be made on the part of the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to the end that the Special Tax imposed at the last Session may be abolished; and the amendment to Article XII of the Constitution may be reconsidered, or declared not to have been legally adopted.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

P. K. HILLS,  
CHARLES S. BURGESS,  
*Com. of Grand Lodge.*

WILLIAM H. JONES,  
DAVID AYRES,  
JOHN R. MULLIN,  
ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Com. of G'd Encampment.*

P. G. P. Ellison, a member of this Committee from both Grand Bodies, gave notice that he should present a minority Report in the course of the Session.

P. C. P. Charles Fessenden, of Roulstone Encampment, No. 30, presented himself for admission and instruction; his Certificate not having the signature of the H. P., that officer being absent from town, it was

*Resolved*, That he be admitted and instructed.

Rep. Lord, from the Committee on so much of the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to Wompatuck Encampment, asked for further time, which was granted.

The Committee appointed to superintend the ballot for nomination of Officers, announced the result to be as follows :

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	-	34
P. K. Hills, had	-	9	J. R. Mullin,	-	-	3
W. H. Warner,	-	9	Scattering,	-	-	6
William H. Parker,	-	7				

P. K. Hills, Wm. H. Warner, and William H. Parker were declared candidates for the office of Grand Patriarch.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	-	32
Eliphalet Hills, had	-	16	A. B. Ely,	-	-	3
W. H. Warner,	-	4	L. Wilkins,	-	-	2
A. W. Pollard,	-	3	Scattering,	-	-	4

A. B. Ely declined the nomination. Eliphalet Hills, Wm. H. Warner, and A. W. Pollard were declared candidates for the office of Grand High Priest.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	-	32
J. E. Farnsworth,	-	9	Joseph Wells,	-	-	2
J. R. Mullin,	-	8	A. B. Ely,	-	-	2
C. A. Smith,	-	2	Scattering,	-	-	7
A. Mudge,	-	2				

C. A. Smith, Alfred Mudge, and A. B. Ely declined the nomination. J. E. Farnsworth, J. R. Mullin, and Joseph Wells were declared candidates for the office of Grand Senior Warden.



## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Alfred Mudge, had -	24		Robert Hall,	-	-	1
David Ayres, -	1					

R. Hall declined, and Alfred Mudge and David Ayres were declared candidates for the office of Grand Scribe.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	-	29
Jos. Newmarch, had	21		H. Lord,	-	-	1
S. B. Krogman, -	2		W. M. Nassau,	-	-	1
H. Prince, -	1		L. A. Cutler,	-	-	1
W. H. Cook, -	1		Blank,	-	-	1

Reps. Krogman, Prince, Cook, Lord, Nassau, and Cutler declined, and Joseph Newmarch was declared candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	-	22
W. M. Nassau, had -	7		J. R. Mullin,	-	-	2
Joseph Wells, -	2		A. B. Ely,	-	-	2
C. H. White, -	2		Scattering,	-	-	7

A. B. Ely declined. William M. Nassau, Joseph Wells, C. H. White, and J. R. Mullin were declared candidates for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	-	27
A. B. Ely, had -	12		A. W. Pollard,	-	-	1
H. Lord, -	7		C. A. Smith,	-	-	1
Wm. H. Jones, -	3		J. B. Frost,	-	-	1
Wm. Ellison, -	1		W. H. Warner,	-	-	1

Reps. Jones, Ellison, Pollard, Smith, Frost, and Warner declined. A. B. Ely and H. Lord, were declared candidates for the office of Grand Representative.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That when we adjourn, we adjourn at half-past 12, to meet at 2, P. M.

The following Petition from Nahant Encampment, No. 11, for change of name, was read, and on motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

EAST BOSTON, JULY 24, 1850.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned, Officers of *Nahant* Encampment, No. 11, located at East Boston, and under the jurisdiction of your R. W. Body, most respectfully Petition for a change in the name of said Encampment. Your Petitioners are unanimous in an opinion that it would be for the benefit and prosperity of the Encampment to have its name *Samoset* Encampment, No. 11, instead of Nahant, No. 11. By an unanimous vote of its members, at a meeting held this, Wednesday evening, July 24th, 1850, we were instructed to Petition your R. W. Body for the said change. The members of the Grand Encampment are aware that this Encampment was instituted at Lynn, by the name of Nahant, and from thence removed to East Boston, under the sanction of your R. W. Body, (some two years since,) in consequence of the Encampment having become involved, and the Lynn brothers not being able or willing to sustain it there. Your Petitioners would inform your R. W. Body, that, since the removal of said Encampment to East Boston, it has been almost wholly supported by the members residing there, who have promptly paid off all demands against the Encampment, (which were contracted while at Lynn,) and are now clear from debt, with money in the treasury; while the majority of the Lynn members have either withdrawn by card, or suffered themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues, and the remainder do not take the least interest in the affairs of said Encampment, for they never attend the meetings, and yet the Encampment still retains the name of *Nahant*; in consequence of the same, several brothers have refused to join our Encampment under that name, and have actually joined the Encampments in the city proper; your R. W. Body must be aware that this is a great detriment to the increase of our numbers, and must prove in the end ruinous to the prosperity and welfare of the Encampment. Under those circumstances, your Petitioners would humbly pray your R. W. Body to take the same into your serious consideration, and grant us our request,

Yours in F., L. and T.

[Seal.]

JACOB JACKSON, C. P.  
WILLIAM H. CALROW, H. P.  
ENOCH A. PETTINGILL, S. W.  
JOHN DAVIS, J. W.  
W. S. ALLERTSON, *Scribe*.  
GEORGE BUTTS, *Treasurer*.

On motion, the Resolution of adjournment, at half-past 12, was reconsidered; and the Grand Encampment adjourned at 12 o'clock 10 minutes, to meet again at 2, P. M.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.**

The R. W. Grand Encampment met, pursuant to adjournment.

**P. G. P. William Ellison**, from the Committee on so much of the G. Patriarch's Communication as relates to Finance, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed upon so much of the Grand Patriarch's Semi-Annual Communication as relates to the Finances of this Body, would ask leave to Report :

That, in the opinion of your Committee, the Constitutional Tax of Fifteen cents upon each and every contributing member of the Patriarchal department, is sufficient to meet the present expenses of this Body; and they would suggest that no further action is at present necessary upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

**WILLIAM ELLISON,  
ELIPHALET HILLS.**

**Rep. H. Lord**, of Monomake Encampment, No. 4, submitted excuses for fines incurred for not making returns in season; and, on his motion, to excuse said Encampment from payment of said fines, it was decided in the affirmative.

**Rep. C. D. Strong**, of Mt. Washington Encampment, No. 6, submitted excuses for fines incurred for not making returns in season; and, on his motion, to excuse from payment of said fines, it was decided in the affirmative.

**Agawam Encampment, No. 25**, was excused from payment of fine incurred in January, 1850.

**P. C. P's** and **P. H. P's**, in waiting, were admitted and instructed.

The Grand Encampment proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year. The Chair appointed Reps. Wm. M. Cook, S. Newmarch, S. B. Krogman, W. M. Nassau, H. Prince, L. A. Cutler, and C. D. Strong, a Committee to superintend the ballot.

The Committee appointed on so much of the G. Patriarch's Communication as relates to Menotomy and Middlesex Encampments, submitted the following Report which was read, accepted, and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication, as refers to Menotomy Encampment, No. 3, and Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, beg leave to Report :

That, in their opinion, the best course which could be pursued, would be to leave the whole matter in the hands of the Grand Scribe, instructing him to use all exertion in his power to obtain the property of said Encampments.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WARNER,  
JOHN GIERLOW,  
JAMES S. BARNEY.

The Committee, on so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication as relates to reports of District Deputies, submitted the following Report which was read, accepted, and the recommendation adopted :

*To the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed on that part of the Grand Patriarch's Communication, referring to the Report of the District Deputies, would submit the following :

That the synopsis of the condition of the several Encampments, as presented by the Grand Patriarch, embrace all that is necessary, so far as the information has been received by him ; but that the remissness on the part of those Deputies who have failed to send Returns, is much to be regretted ; and the Committee would recommend that, in future, instruction should be given to the Deputies, promptly to comply with this portion of their duties.

CALEB RAND,  
S. W. BRAYTON,  
RUFUS CHANDLER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Semi-Annual Report, which was read and laid on the table.

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Treasurer would beg leave to submit the following Semi-Annual Report :

<b>Dr.</b>		
1850—February 1.	Amount of Cash on hand, . . . . .	\$ 6 68
July 1.	Received of Grand Scribe . . . . .	50 00
		<hr/> \$56 68

<b>Cr.</b> —By Bills paid . . . . .		\$43 92
	Balance of Cash in Treasurer's hands . . . . .	12 76
		<hr/> 56 68

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH NEWMARCH,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

*Boston, July 31, 1850.*

The Finance Committee submitted their Semi-Annual Report, which was read and accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee of Finance having attended to their duty, respectfully Report, that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct :

The G. Scribe had on hand February 1, 1850, . .		\$ 18 52
Amount received by him since that date, . . .		174 86
		<hr/> \$193 38
The G. Scribe has paid, as per vouchers, . . .		\$112 82
Cash on hand, . . . . .		80 56
		<hr/> \$193 38

The G. Treasurer had on hand, Feb. 1, 1850, . .		\$ 6 68
Cash received from G. Scribe, . . . . .		50 00
		<hr/> \$56 68
The G. Treasurer has paid, as per vouchers, . .		\$43 92
Cash on hand, . . . . .		12 76
		<hr/> \$56 68

The resources of the Grand Encampment, are :

Amount due the Grand Encampment from Subordinates for Semi-Annual Dues, Cards, &c.	\$208 78	
Amount due from Subordinates for Fines, . . .	140 00	
Cash in hands of Grand Scribe, . . . . .	80 56	
Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer, . . .	12 76	
	<hr/>	\$442 10

The Grand Encampment is indebted as follows :

Amount due Grand Lodge of the United States for Cards, and Representative Tax, . . .	\$90 00	
Due Alfred Mudge for Printing, . . . . .	42 93	
Due Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for Rent, . . .	35 42	
Grand Lodge of the United States, Special Tax, . . .	97 37	
	<hr/>	\$265 72

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE WILLIAMS,  
WILLIAM H. PARKER,  
DAVID AYRES.

Boston, July 31, 1850.

*Finance Committee.*

The Grand Scribe's and Grand Treasurer's Reports were then taken from the table, accepted and placed on file.

The following amendment to the Constitution was then taken up, and unanimously adopted :

Article IV. Section 4. Last line but one, strike out "one hundred," and insert "fifty."

Documents, received from other State Grand Bodies, viz : New-York, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, District of Columbia, Missouri, Delaware, and Maryland, relating to the Tax levied upon Subordinate Grand Bodies by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Session, were ordered on file.

The Report of the Committee on the Tax levied by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was then taken from the table, and Rep. A. B. Ely offered the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment adopt the Report of the Committee, as the sense of this Grand Body.

Some debate ensued upon the Resolution, when the ayes and nays were called for, which, being taken appeared as follows : ayes, 43 ; nays, 5.

The Committee appointed to superintend the ballot for Grand Officers, reported the result to be as follows :

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	26
P. K. Hills, had	-	-	-	-	33	
W. H. Parker,	-	-	-	-	11	
W. H. Warner,	-	-	-	-	6	
Rep. P. K. Hills was declared elected.						

**FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	51
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Eliphalet Hills, had	-	-	-	-	37	
W. H. Warner,	-	-	-	-	9	
A. W. Pollard,	-	-	-	-	5	
Rep. Eliphalet Hills was declared elected.						

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	49
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	25
J. R. Mullin, had	-	-	-	-	27	
J. E. Farnsworth,	-	-	-	-	22	
Rep. John R. Mullin was declared elected.						

**FOR GRAND SCRIBE.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	47
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	24
Alfred Mudge, had	-	-	-	-	41	
David Ayres,	-	-	-	-	6	
Rep. Alfred Mudge was declared elected.						

**FOR GRAND TREASURER.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	51
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Joseph Newmarch, had	-	-	-	-	46	
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	5	
Rep. Joseph Newmarch was declared elected.						

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	45
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	23
William M. Nassau, had	-	-	-	-	-	30
Charles H. White,	-	-	-	-	-	9
John R. Mullin,	-	-	-	-	-	6

Rep. Wm. M Nassau was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	54
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	28
Alfred B. Ely, had	-	-	-	-	-	40
H. Lord,	-	-	-	-	-	14

Rep. A. B. Ely was declared elected.

The several Grand Officers were then duly installed into their respective chairs by P. G. Patriarch Wm. Ellison, viz:

P. C. P. Phillip K. Hills,	Grand Patriarch.
P. C. P. Eliphalet Hills,	Grand High Priest.
P. C. P. John R. Mullin,	Grand Senior Warden.
P. C. P. Alfred Mudge,	Grand Scribe.
P. H. P. Joseph Newmarch,	Grand Treasurer.
P. C. P. William M. Nassau,	Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Rep. George Butts, Grand Sentinel, who was duly installed in office.

The Chair also appointed Reps. Horace Williams, David Ayres, and William H. Parker, as Committee on Finance.

On motion of P. G. P. William H. Jones, it was

*Resolved*, That the sum of three dollars be paid to the room-keeper.

On motion of P. G. P. William Ellison, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to P. G. P. William H. Jones, for the very able and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over this Body, and performed the duties of his office during the year past.



On motion of P. G. H. P. Newell A. Thompson, it was

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the other past officers, for the faithful discharge of their several duties.

At the request of Grand Representative Frost, P. G. P. William Ellison, G. Representative from the Grand Lodge, proceeded to instruct the Grand Encampment in the Work of the Order, in a very thorough and efficient manner.

On motion, at 5 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*

*D. D. Grand Patriarchs, appointed August, 1850.*


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Encampment.	No.	Place.	D. D. G. P's.
Massasoit,	1,	Boston,	Grand Junior Warden.
Tri-Mount,	2,	do.	Grand Senior Warden.
Monomake,	4,	Lowell,	Grand High Priest.
Bunker Hill,	5,	Charlestown,	W. W. Pierce.
Mt. Washington,	6,	South Boston,	Charles D. Strong.
Merrimack,	7,	Newburyport,	Grand Patriarch.
Annanaw,	8,	New Bedford,	J. W. Nickerson.
Wachusett,	10,	Worcester,	Edward Haven.
Samoset,	11,	East Boston,	George Butts.
Shâlôm,	12,	Dorchester,	Abner W. Pollard.
Naumkeag,	13,	Salem,	James Kimball.
Naomi,	14,	Taunton,	Charles Foster.
Mt. Holyoke,	15,	Northampton,	Samuel Wells.
Wanackmamack,	16,	Nantucket,	Joseph B. Lawrence.
Lowell,	17,	Lowell,	Grand High Priest.
Wompatuck,	18,	East Weymouth,	William A. Hersey.
Howard,	19,	Attleborough,	Thaddeus Phelps.
Quinshepaug,	20,	Milford,	O. Underwood.
Grey Lock,	21,	Pittsfield,	George R. Groot.
Samaritan,	23,	Chelsea,	John Low.
Mt. Hebron,	24,	North Stoughton,	William Tozer.
Agawam,	25,	Springfield,	J. F. Comstock.
Metacomet,	26,	Fall River,	Robert C. Brown.
Green River,	27,	Greenfield,	W. T. Davis.
Wells,	28,	North Adams,	William H. Warner.
Iyanough,	29,	Barnstable.	S. N. Small.
Roulstone,	30,	Fitchburg.	Charles Fessenden.

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**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1850.**

ENCAMPMENTS.		Where Held.	County.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Per centage due Grand
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston, do.	Suffolk,	16 14 ..	2	2	1	2	12	...	...	46	194	\$471 25	20 73
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do.	do.	21 23 ..	2	2	4	2	14	...	3	65	226	635 43	43 15
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	Middlesex,	2 2 ..	...	3	2	3	...	...	2	6	99	146 50	9 82
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	3 3 1 ..	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	9	114	259 15	12 15
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Suffolk,	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	48	59 00	3 60
Merimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	16 00	5 70
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	1	...	48	85 00	3 60
*Wachusett, . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	2 2 ..	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	6	34	51 75	4 95
Nahant, . . .	11	East Boston,	Suffolk,	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	27	56 25	4 53
Shalön, . . .	12	Dorchester,	Norfolk,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	76	59 71	5 70
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	9 9 ..	...	...	7	...	18	...	...	27	48	173 97	14 40
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	3 3 ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	52	110 07	7 50
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Wanacknamack	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	1 1 ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	20	59 25	2 70
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	24 00	90
Wompatuck, . .	18	E. Weymouth,	Plymouth,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough,	Bristol,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quinshepaug, . .	20	Millford,	Worcester,	1 ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	36	52 50	3 90
Grey Lock, . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	6 6 ..	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	18	57	157 00	11 48
*Charles River, .	22	Cambridge,	Middlesex,	1 1 ..	...	...	4	...	3	...	...	3	46	174 68	4 45
Samaritan, . . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCLOSURES.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Pt. charge Encamp't.
Mt. Hebron, . . . . .	24	N. Stoughton,	Norfolk,	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	21	\$ 12 00	\$ 1 58
Agawam, . . . . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	81	57 67	6 57
Metacomet, . . . . .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	37	104 08	5 18
Green River, . . . . .	27	Greenfield,	Franklin,	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	44	79 33	4 80
Wells, . . . . .	28	North Adams,	Berkshire,	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	32	54 30	1 20
Iyanough, . . . . .	29	Barnstable,	Barnstable,	11	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	18	187 25	14 55
Roulstone, . . . . .	30	Fitchburg,	Worcester,	16	16	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	48	20	192 00	20 70
* No Report.				96	95	1	11	38	9	60	1	9	287	1466	3285 14	\$203 84

Errata, see Page 8, Section 1, 2d line, instead of 41 read 1.

Abstract from the Annual Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. States, for the year ending June 30, 1850.

## BELIEF REPORT.

Number of Initiations.....	126	Number of Patriarchs Relieved.....	153
" of Rejections.....	2	" " Widowed Families Believed.....	2
" Admitted by Card.....	14	" " Patriarchs Buried.....	18
" Withdrawn by Card.....	59	Amount Paid for Relief of Patriarchs.....	\$2117.15
" Reinstated.....	6	" " " of Widowed Families.....	110.88
" Suspended for non-payment of Dues.....	112	" " " Burying the Dead.....	260 00
" do. do. other causes.....	3	Total Amount of Relief.....	2488.04
" Expelled.....	4		
" of Deaths.....	19		
" of Past Chief Patriarchs.....	188		
" of Past High Priests.....	163		
" of Contributing Members.....	1547		
Revenue.....	\$5825.70		

**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing July 1, 1850.**

No. p.	C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1	J. M. Burgess,	J. Hamblet, Jr.	Jonathan Fiske,	S. G. Tower,	William H. Jones,	R. M. Baker.
2	E. H. Tucker,	James Price.	R. Cummings,	R. Wharton,	R. W. Hall,	A. B. Childs.
4	F. Perkins,	C. Carter,	T. Wilson,	G. R. Rowe,	G. H. Norcross,	H. N. Moore.
5	H. B. Brame,	D. W. Sargent,	Henry Conn,	David Allen,	J. C. Cutter,	J. A. D. Worcester.
6	Thomas Hill, Jr.	Alvin Howard,	Chauncy Page,	D. C. Simpson,	Jos. Winsor, jr.	Ed. R. Rich,
7	B. F. Bartlett,	J. D. Rundlett,	John Bartlett,	G. R. Dodge,	Moses H. Sargent,	Edward Burrill.
8	George H. Taber,	G. L. Brownell,	James Taylor,	Edward Stetson,	John Fuller,	J. W. Nickerson.
11	Jacob Jackson,	Wm. H. Calrow,	E. A. Pettingell,	John Davis,	W. S. Allerton,	George Butta.
12	T. W. Capen,	N. Healey,	John C. Hewins,	George Dodge,	Wm. Withington,	Stillman Stone.
13	John White,	Alvah H. Evans,	Robt. C. Clough,	Thomas Oakes,	J. W. Rhoades,	Joseph Swasey.
14	N. W. Richmond,	A. B. Crane,	Wm. H. Brown,	A. T. Brown,	Elias Strange,	Peter Chick.
15	J. B. Augur,	J. L. Wells,	Joseph S. Brown,	Wm. C. Prentiss,	Ed. C. Denniston,	John W. Wilson.
17	John Gierlow,	J. D. Ashton,	George Ashworth,	J. A. Sawtell,	Thomas Barr,	A. B. Boynton.
18	S. French, 2d.	E. W. Woodward,	J. P. Lovell,	Edmund French,	J. Stowell,	Joseph Jacobs.
20	J. P. Dale,	N. P. Ellsworth,	D. B. Rockwood,	L. Whitney,	E. Whitney,	A. Littlefield.
21	D. D. Millard,	Henry Groot,	Jesse Mory,	H. P. Davis,	Calvin Gunn,	Job Robbins.
23	F. B. Fay,	Jos. Foster,	Joseph Hockey,	James Gurney,	George W. Rice,	Robt. Davidson.
24	J. T. Sumner,	W. W. Hawes,	Barnard Green,	J. L. Capen,	William Tozer,	Jefferson Fitts.
25	George Hinsdale,	George Smith,	A. Sweatland,	A. A. Upson,	J. W. Crane,	S. R. Crane.
27	J. Ford, 2d.	T. J. Pickering,	J. Rowell,	Asa Petty, Jr.	H. N. Gunn,	J. B. Hathaway.
28	L. D. Seymore,	Rufus Howland,	H. O. Rockwood,	D. W. Alvord,	T. M. Dewey,	Thos. W. Ripley.
28	A. A. Richmond,	S. M. Whipple,	Edwin F. Grey,	E. D. Foster,	J. C. Butterworth,	E. H. Briggs.
29	J. A. Baxter,	O. M. Hinkley,	Gorham Hallett,	C. Lewis,	E. Lewis, 2d.	W. Farris.
30	C. J. Billings,	John Upton,	T. R. Ware,	Wm. B. Towne,	F. C. White,	Geo. G. Amsden.

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON, FEBRUARY 5th, 1851.**

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**SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,**  
**I. O. OF O. F.**

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**OASIS HALL,**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5th, 9 o'clock, A. M. }**

THE R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>PHILIP K. HILLS,</b> | <i>Grand Patriarch.</i> |
| <b>ELIPHALET HILLS,</b> | <i>" High Priest.</i>   |
| <b>JOHN R. MULLIN,</b>  | <i>" Senior Warden.</i> |
| <b>ALFRED MUDGE,</b>    | <i>" Scribe.</i>        |
| <b>JOSEPH NEWMARCH,</b> | <i>" Treasurer.</i>     |
| <b>WM. M. NASSAU,</b>   | <i>" Junior Warden.</i> |

and a due representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion, the reading of the Records of the last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Reps N M. George and Pollard, to examine the Certificates of Additional Representatives.

The Grand Scribe submitted the following Report on Returns, which was accepted, and referred to a committee



of three, Grand Senior Warden Mullin, Reps. Lord and Stimpson :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would report the Returns for the Term ending December 31st, 1850, as follows :

Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, correct.

Nos. 1, 17, 20, error in standing of members.

No. 4, error in whole number, and standing of members, and degrees of Brothers withdrawn and died, not given.

No 21, cannot examine, return of July not sent back.

No. 24, error in whole number and standing, and amount of receipts not given.

Nos. 6 and 12 were not received in season to exempt them from fine.

Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, Worcester, has made no return for two Terms.

Wanackmanack, No. 16, Nantucket, has made no Return for five terms.

Howard, No. 19, Attleboro', has made no Return for two terms.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and laid on the table :

*Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

Dr.

|               |                                                                    |                |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1850—July 31. | To balance on hand,                                                | \$ 80 56       |
| 1851—Feb. 1.  | To Cash received at sundry times for Semi-Annual Dues, Cards, &c., | 209 92         |
|               |                                                                    | <hr/> \$290 48 |

Cr.

|                |                               |                |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1850—Sept. 10. | By Cash paid Grand Treasurer, | \$100 00       |
| 1851—June 31.  | “ “ “ “ “ “                   | 100 00         |
| “ “ “          | “ “ “ Postage to date,        | 1 45           |
| “ “ “          | “ Scribe's Salary, 6 months,  | 25 00          |
| “ Feb. 1.      | “ Balance new account,        | 64 43          |
|                |                               | <hr/> \$290 48 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe,*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Semi-Annual Report, which was received, and laid on the table :

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit the following Report :

|                |                                             |                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                | Amount of Cash on hand at the last Session, | \$ 12 76        |
| 1850—Sept. 10. | Received of Grand Scribe,                   | 100 00          |
| 1851—Jan. 31.  | “ “ “ “                                     | 100 00          |
|                | Whole amount,                               | <u>\$212 76</u> |

|              |                                   |                 |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1851—Feb. 1. | He has paid out, as per vouchers, | \$195 16        |
| “ “          | Has cash on hand,                 | 17 60           |
|              | Making the amount of              | <u>\$212 76</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

J. NEWMARCH,

*Grand Treasurer.*

The Finance Committee submitted their Semi-Annual Report, which was read and accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Finance Committee respectfully Report :

That they have examined and certified the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe.

|                                                    |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| The Grand Treasurer had on hand, July 31, 1850,    | \$ 12 76        |
| Amount since recieved of Grand Scribe,             | 200 00          |
|                                                    | <u>\$212 76</u> |
| Payments have been as far as vouched and examined, | \$195 16        |
| Balance on hand,                                   | 17 60           |
|                                                    | <u>\$212 76</u> |
| The Grand Scribe had on hand,                      | \$ 80 56        |
| Amount since received,                             | 209 92          |
|                                                    | <u>\$290 48</u> |

**The Grand Scribe has paid,**

|                                |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Treasurer, . . . . .        | \$200 00 |          |
| Salary and Postages, . . . . . | 26 45    |          |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$226 45 |
| Balance on hand, . . . . .     |          | 64 03    |
|                                |          | <hr/>    |
|                                |          | \$290 48 |

The indebtedness of the Grand Encampment is as follows :

|                                            |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| To Grand Lodge of United States, . . . . . | \$97 37 |          |
| " " " Massachusetts, . . . . .             | 47 92   |          |
|                                            | <hr/>   | \$145 29 |

The resources are as follows :

|                                                       |         |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| In hands of Grand Treasurer, . . . . .                | \$17 60 |          |
| " " Grand Scribe, . . . . .                           | 64 03   |          |
| Due from Subordinates for Semi-Annual Dues, . . . . . | 172 28  |          |
| " " " Cards, . . . . .                                | 6 50    |          |
| " " " Fines, . . . . .                                | 140 00  |          |
|                                                       | <hr/>   | \$400 41 |

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE WILLIAMS,  
DAVID AYERS,

*Boston Feb. 5, 1851.*

*Committee of Finance.*

The Reports of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer were then taken from the table, approved, and ordered on file.

The Committee on Certificates of Additional Representatives, submitted the following Report, which was accepted:

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Certificates of Representatives, February Session, 1851 :

- MASSABOIT, No. 1.—J. M. Burgess, J. Hamlet, Jr.  
 TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.—E. H. Tucker, Wm. E. Parmenter, James Rice, Joseph Chase, H. D. Ward.  
 MONOMAKE, No. 4.—Charles Carter.  
 MERRIMAC, No. 7.—B. F. Bartlett, George W. Geary.  
 ANNAWANT, No. 8.—Wm. L. Gerrish, Wm. Read, James S. Barney, Geo. H. Taber, John W. Nickerson.  
 SHALOM, No. 12.—Wm. Withington.  
 NAUMKEAG, No. 13.—John White, Alvah A. Evans, Geo. H. Peirson.  
 MOUNT HOLYOKE, No. 15.—John B. Auger, Jonathan L. Wells.

**LOWELL, No. 17.—Ozias Ross.**

**GRAYLOCK, No. 21.—Jesse Howard.**

**AGAWAM, No. 25.—Eliphalet Trask, George Smith.**

**METACOMET, No. 26.—James Ford.**

On Motion of the Grand High Priest the Grand Encampment proceeded to instruct the Candidates in waiting, when the following members received the Grand Encampment Degree :

No. 2.—E. H. Tucker, Jr., James Rice.

No. 4.—Charles Carter.

No. 7.—B. F. Bartlett, Geo. W. Geary.

No. 13.—Geo. H. Pierson, John White.

No. 15.—Jonathan L. Wells.

No. 17.—Ozias Ross.

No. 21.—Jesse Howard.

No. 25.—George Smith.

No. 26.—James Ford.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and referred to Representatives, Tozer, Ingraham, and Moore, for the purpose of nominating suitable committees on such portions of it as it is necessary to bring before this Grand Body.

#### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**PATRIARCHS.**—I wish it was in my power, in meeting you upon this occasion, to felicitate you upon the existence of a greatly increased interest in the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction ; but the paucity of Reports from District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, leaves me without material from which any definite judgment can be formed of the degree of prosperity or adversity existing in the Subordinates. It is to be hoped that the silence on the part of these officers does not proceed from an inability to speak favorably of the state of things in their several Districts,—that it is not a silence ominous of evil. From the few Reports which have reached me, and from my own observation, I should infer that there had been no great change in the state of the Order, since your last session.

Since your last session, Charles River Encampment, No. 22, of Cambridge, and Wompatuck, No. 18, of East Weymouth, have surrendered their Charters. Several members of the former have taken cards from the Grand Scribe, and connected themselves with other Encampments.

It will be recollected that at the February session of 1850, Wompatuck Encampment was directed to bring to trial certain members, who, wrongfully, and in disobedience of the repeated mandates of your Right Worthy Body, retained possession of the charter, books, and property of said Encampment. This duty, Wompatuck Encampment, from inability, failed to perform ; and I submit to your consideration, whether some other measures should not be adopted to reach the recusants. Perhaps it would be better to leave them to the terrors of a guilty conscience, which will sooner or later overtake those who have so outrageously violated solemn and voluntarily assumed obligations.

At the session previous to the last, the Charter of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, of Malden, was reclaimed. No steps have been taken for the surrender of the Charter of this Encampment, and the exertions of the Grand Scribe to obtain possession of its property, have thus far proved fruitless.

I suggest to you whether it would not be expedient to reclaim the charter of Wanackmamack Encampment, No. 16, of Nantucket, as the reasons heretofore assigned for the discontinuance of its meetings still exist. Should the Patriarchs of this Encampment return from California, and manifest a desire to resume work, arrangements could easily be made for their so doing.

The fact that within the year past four Encampments have been stricken from the roll of existence, and the rumors which from time to time reach us, that others are in a precarious condition, should bring us carefully to consider whether there are any particular causes in operation, calculated to produce the extinction of those Encampments which are dependent for their members upon a limited number of Lodges, and then, often times remotely situated from the place at which the Encampment meetings are held. Have the Encampments above alluded to ceased to exist from local and temporary causes ; or does there prevail in the smaller Encampments, as a general thing, an apathy among the members, which will, unless diminished, be destructive in its effects ? If we are compelled to answer this question, in any degree in the affirmative, cannot measures be adopted which will infuse new life into the Patriarchal branch of the Order, and cause it again to " bud and blossom as the rose." I would not be considered an alarmist, but does not the state of affairs, take the most favorable view we can of them, warrant me in urging the subject of these suggestions upon your attentive consideration.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the special tax, which was so justly odious in this jurisdiction, was repealed. It is to be regretted that that Body could not have been induced to acknowledge the unconstitutionality of the method by which it was imposed. This Grand Encampment never assumed a position in this matter which could rightfully be construed as an intention to nullify an enactment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but simply desired that the question should have a re-hearing in that body. That

object having been attained, it now only remains for us to pay the tax for the one year it was in operation.

A system of cash payments having been adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I would recommend that a similar plan be adopted by this Grand Encampment in its dealings with Subordinates. Many advantages, which would result from this procedure, will readily suggest themselves to your minds, and render unnecessary any argument from me.

From Reports which will be made to you it will be seen that the financial affairs of your Right Worthy Body are in a prosperous condition, and in my opinion will require no legislating upon the subject at this session.

May the deliberations of your session eventuate in legislation which shall secure an increased interest among the Patriarchs, add to our numbers and usefulness, and tend to secure harmony throughout the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

P. K. HILLS,  
*Grand Patriarch.*

Petition of Patriarch Charles D. Cole, from Middlesex Encampment, was read, and referred to Reps. Ellison, J. L. Wells, and Gerrish :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned, formerly a member of Middlesex Encampment, No. 3, of Malden, would most respectfully petition your Right Worthy Grand Body, that the Grand Scribe be instructed to furnish him with a certificate, as Middlesex Encampment is now defunct.

Yours, fraternally,

CHARLES D. COLE.

Petition from Mount Hebron Encampment, for removal, read, and referred to Reps. Lord, Krogman, and Rand :

*North Sloughton, Jan. 23, 1851.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS.—At a regular meeting of Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 24, I. O. of O. F., it was unanimously voted, "That we petition the Right Worthy Grand Encampment for leave to remove the location of this encampment to Randolph, to meet in the Lodge room of Rising Star Lodge, No. 76, I. O. of O. F."

The subscribers, believing that such a removal would greatly promote the prosperity of this Encampment, and the interest of the Patri-

archal branch of the Order in this vicinity, do most respectfully petition your Right Worthy Body to remove its location in compliance with the above Resolve, and greatly oblige

Yours in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

[L. S.]

BARNARD GREEN, C. P.  
JOHN A. MEAD, H. P.  
DANIEL HOWARD, S. W.  
WILLIAM TOZER, Scribe.  
JEFFERSON FITTS, Treas.  
J. L. CAPEN, J. W.  
N. WITHINGTON, Jr., P. C. P.  
W. W. HAWES, P. H. P.  
LEVI MANN.  
SAMUEL CLARK.  
HIRAM ALDEN.  
WILLIAM PAGE, P. H. P.  
GEORGE MARDEN, P. H. P.  
ELIHU WITHINGTON, P. C. P.  
W. H. WHITE.  
SHEPARD P. BRIGGS.  
SIMEON S. PAGE.

Grand Rep. Frost submitted the following Report of the doings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session at Cincinnati, which was read, and, on motion, accepted, and ordered to be printed :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

In accordance with what seems to be established usage, your Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, would submit their Report.

The printed Journal of Proceedings of that body having reached the several Subordinates, precludes the necessity of presenting anything more than a brief synopsis of the business of the session.

By reference to the Journal, it will be seen, that the Grand Lodge having perceived the general disapprobation of a very large majority of the Order to the law of 1849, for raising revenue, (as expressed by the different Grand Bodies,) have repealed it by the large and decisive vote of 63 to 9. But at the same time that body still retains the system of paying its members their expenses for attending its sessions ; and in order to meet this great expense to that body, the Committee of Finance were instructed to report some plan of taxation ; and we have no doubt but that you will agree with your Representatives, that the Report of the Committee, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, is the most feasible and judicious that could have been presented ; for, as the demands of the Order for supplies, books, and

other properties from the Grand Lodge, is increased or diminished by its prosperity or adversity, it seems to us to be the most equal and correct method of raising a revenue.

Another subject that seems necessary to direct to your notice, is an additional By-Law, submitted by Rep. Conley, of Georgia, and which is to be found on page 465 of the Journal. It will be seen that this law deprives individual members and Subordinate Encampments or Lodges of the privilege of an appeal from the decision of a State Grand Body to the Grand Lodge of the United States, or of submitting an enquiry as to what may be the laws or usages of the Order.

The last subject that your Representatives deem it necessary to call your attention to, is the amendment of Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, to the Constitution, as adopted on page 512 of the Journal. It will be seen that this amendment deprives Past Grand Sires of a privilege heretofore guaranteed them by that instrument, viz., that of the perpetual right to a seat, and participation in the deliberations of that body.

The vote of your Senior Representative being the only one given in the negative on that question, from the State of Massachusetts, he feels it due to himself as well as to this Grand Encampment, that he should briefly explain his reasons for so voting. He has never entertained the idea that the best interests of the Order can be secured by making the Grand Lodge of the United States a strictly representative body; on the contrary, in his opinion, the stability of our organization and the security of its advantages, depends upon the perpetuity of that body. To illustrate his idea, he will suppose a case to arise, where all of the States may refuse to send their Representatives; in this case there would be no centralizing power, and consequently no universality of action, and the result would be that the greatest advantages derived from our present organization, would be lost to us.

Another reason, and one that had perhaps equal weight in his mind, was, the fact, that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge having guaranteed the privilege to the past Grand Sires as a mark of respect for services rendered, to deprive them of it without their consent is a breach of contract by one party, implying a censure and odium upon the other. Entertaining these views, your Senior Representative could not consistently vote with the majority.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. FROST, JR.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was accepted, and the recommendations adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Patriarch's Report for distribution, would beg leave to Report, that they have attended



to their duty, and would recommend that so much of the Grand Patriarch's Address as referred to Wompatuck Encampment, be referred to a Committee of three, Patriarchs H. Lord, W. L. Gerrish, and A. W. Pollard.

That so much as relates to Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, be referred to the following Committee : P. G. P. W. Ellison, J. L. Barney, and J. R. Mullin.

That so much as relates to cash payments be referred to Patriarch Tozer, S. B. Krogman, and C. Rand.

The Committee appointed on Grand Scribe's Report on Returns, submitted their Report, which was accepted and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Scribe's Report, would recommend that so much as refers to Encampments that have not made Returns for two terms or more, be referred to a Committee of three, with full power to act, either to visit or to correspond with said Encampments, if they deem expedient to receive the charter and books of said Encampments, and report at the next session of this Grand Encampment.

JOHN R. MULLIN,  
C. P. STIMPSON,  
HARGREAVES LORD.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Reps. Ellison, Tozer, and Frost, as that Committee.

On Motion, it was

*Resolved*, That Candidates be admitted at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Jones, the following resolution was agreed to :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Grand Officers be and hereby are empowered to receive the Charter, books, &c., of any Encampment that may surrender the same during vacations, and to grant cards to members of the same who are in good standing.

Grand Senior Warden Mullin submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and recommendation adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication, as refers to Middlesex Encampment, No. 9, would recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Grand Scribe's Report on delinquent Encampments, as appointed by the Grand Patriarch.

JOHN R. MULLIN,  
JAMES S. BARNEY.

Past Grand Patriarch Ellison submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Patriarch C. D. Cole, late a member of Middlesex Encampment, would ask leave to Report,

That the Charter of Middlesex Encampment having been reclaimed by this Right Worthy Body, and the C. P. of Middlesex Encampment having refused to deliver up its books, papers, and other properties, the Committee believe it would be improper to grant cards of clearance to any of its members, until the Constitutional requirements of this Grand Encampment have first been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
J. L. WELLS,  
WM. L. GERRISH.

Rep. Trask submitted an excuse from fine against Agawam Encampment, which was referred to a Committee of three, together with all other excuses to be made at this session. The Grand Patriarch appointed P. G. P. Parmenter, Reps. Lord and J. L. Wells.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication, as relates to Wompatuck Encampment, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and recommendation adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of former members of Wompatuck Encampment, have attended to that duty, and believe that all has been done that can be, and would therefore recommend that no further action be had at present.

Respectfully submitted,

HARGREAVES LORD,  
ABNER W. POLLARD,  
WM. L. GERRISH.

The Committee to whom the Petition of Mount Hebron Encampment was referred, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and recommendation adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mount Hebron Encampment, to remove to Randolph, would recommend to the Grand Encampment that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

HARGREAVES LORD,  
S. B. KROGMAN,  
CALEB RAND.

On motion of Rep. Strong, the following Resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be directed to forward to the D. D. Grand Patriarchs, with the Term P. W., an account, if any exists on the books against the Encampment of which he is to install the officers, and before proceeding to the installation he shall require the payment of the same and the amount due the Grand Encampment upon the Return for the Term just ended, for which money and Return he shall receipt to the Encampment, and forward the same to the Grand Scribe within the time prescribed by law.

Past Grand Patriarch Parmenter submitted the following Report, which was read, accepted, and the several recommendations adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to receive and act upon excuses for fines against Encampments for delinquency in making returns, Report :

That excuses have been presented by Agawam, Naumkeag, Shalom, and Mount Washington Encampments, through their Representatives.

The Committee recommend that the cases of Agawam and Naumkeag Encampments, be referred to the Board of Grand Officers, with full powers. The evidence before the Committee is not sufficient to warrant acting on them.

The return from Shalom Encampment was ready for transmission on the evening of the installation of its officers, and was given in charge of the D. D. Grand Patriarch, who officiated, and on his direction, to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe. It remained in his hands beyond the limited time, but without fault on the part of the Encampment. The Committee recommend that the fine be remitted.

The Committee would here state that this case comes under the rule which is adopted by the Grand Scribe, of considering every return which is deposited in the post office, or entrusted to an express agent, or to any other proper person, to be forwarded to the Grand Encampment office, in season to be received in due course, as having been re-

ceived in time, although accident or delay, in which the Encampment is not in fault, has occurred to prevent its arrival. The rule appears to the Committee to be a proper one.

The Mount Washington Encampment had not installed its officers until after the time for transmitting its return had expired, for the reason that a quorum of its members had not attended its meetings on the regular installation nights and subsequently; and therefore the return could not be completed. The majority of the Committee regarded this excuse as insufficient, inasmuch as it was simply pleading one omission as an excuse for another. The Committee recommend that in this case the fine be not remitted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PARMENTER,  
HARGREAVES LORD,  
J. L. WELLS.

On motion, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe.*

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the Term ending Dec. 31, 1850.

| ENCAMPMENTS.     | Number. | Where Held.   | County.    | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspensions, and Cause. | Deaths, and Cause. | No. degrees conferred. | Contributing members. | Amount of receipts. | Per centage due Grand Encampment. |
|------------------|---------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . .   | 1       | Boston,       | Suffolk,   | ...        | 1        | 2         | 3                 | 1                  | 3           | 9                       | ...                | 2                      | 188                   | \$277 38            | \$15 60                           |
| Tri-Mount, . .   | 2       | do,           | do.        | 4          | 4        | ...       | 4                 | 4                  | ...         | 6                       | ...                | 12                     | 224                   | 377 20              | 23 80                             |
| Monomake, . .    | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex, | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | 2                  | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 96                    | 156 00              | 7 35                              |
| Bunker Hill, . . | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.        | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | 2                  | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 113                   | 175 63              | 9 67                              |
| Mt. Washington,  | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,   | 1          | 1        | ...       | ...               | 2                  | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 45                    | 57 33               | 3 38                              |
| Merrimack, . .   | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,     | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | 6                       | ...                | ...                    | 69                    | 90 37               | 5 18                              |
| Annawan, . .     | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,   | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 48                    | 64 00               | 3 60                              |
| *Wachusett, . .  | 10      | Worcester,    | Worcester, | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 52                    | ...                 | 3 90                              |
| Samoset, . .     | 11      | East Boston,  | Suffolk,   | 1          | 1        | ...       | ...               | 1                  | 1           | 10                      | ...                | ...                    | 25                    | 48 50               | 3 08                              |
| Shalôm, . .      | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,   | 1          | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 28                    | 28 25               | 3 30                              |
| Naumkeag, . .    | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,     | 1          | 1        | ...       | ...               | 1                  | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 75                    | 133 41              | 6 83                              |
| Naomi, . .       | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,   | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | 1           | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 49                    | 53 63               | 3 68                              |
| Mt. Holyoke, . . | 15      | Norhampton,   | Hampshire, | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 52                    | 54 72               | 3 90                              |
| *Wanackmamack    | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket, | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 28                    | ...                 | 2 10                              |
| Lowell, . .      | 17      | Lowell,       | Middlesex, | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 18                    | 21 62               | 1 35                              |
| *Howard, . .     | 19      | Attleborough, | Bristol,   | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 30                    | ...                 | 2 25                              |
| Quinshepaug, . . | 20      | Milford,      | Worcester, | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 36                    | 37 12               | 2 70                              |
| Grey Lock, . .   | 21      | Pittsfield,   | Berkshire, | 2          | 2        | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | 1                       | ...                | 6                      | 57                    | 107 00              | 6 68                              |
| Samaritan, . .   | 23      | Chelsea,      | Suffolk,   | 1          | 1        | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | \$1                     | ...                | 1                      | 3                     | 85 00               | 4 58                              |
| Mt. Hebron, . .  | 24      | N. Stoughton, | Norfolk,   | ...        | ...      | ...       | ...               | ...                | ...         | ...                     | ...                | ...                    | 21                    | ...                 | 1 65                              |
| Agawam, . .      | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,   | 3          | 3        | ...       | ...               | 1                  | ...         | 113                     | ...                | 9                      | 70                    | 122 00              | 8 85                              |

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

| ENCAMPMENTS.    |    | Where held.  | County.     | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended and cause. | Expelled and cause. | Deaths. | No. degrees conferred. | Contributing members. | Amount of receipts. | Pr. centage due Grand Encamp't. |
|-----------------|----|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Metacomet, . .  | 26 | Fall River,  | Bristol,    | ..         | 1        | ..        | 1                 | ....               | ....        | ....                 | ....                | 1       | 1                      | 37                    | \$59 68             | \$ 2 98                         |
| *Green River, . | 27 | Greenfield,  | Franklin,   | 2          | 2        | ....      | ....              | ....               | ....        | ....                 | ....                | ....    | 6                      | 44                    | 40 37               | 3 30                            |
| Wells, . . . .  | 28 | North Adams, | Berkshire,  | 6          | 5        | ....      | ....              | ....               | ....        | ....                 | ....                | ....    | 17                     | 34                    | 49 55               | 4 95                            |
| Iyanough, . .   | 29 | Barnstable,  | Barnstable, | 5          | 5        | ....      | ....              | ....               | ....        | ....                 | ....                | ....    | 15                     | 24                    | 92 18               | 9 00                            |
| Roulstone, . .  | 30 | Fitchburg,   | Worcester,  | ..         | ..       | ....      | ....              | ....               | ....        | ....                 | ....                | ....    | 15                     | 25                    | 83 36               | 7 88                            |
|                 |    |              |             | 27/27      | 2        | 2         | 8                 | 16                 | 5           | 46                   |                     | 9       | 82                     | 1533                  | \$2164.65           | \$ 151 54                       |

**\* No Returns received.**

+ Two voluntarily withdrawn from the Order.

† One suspended in Subordinate Lodge for non-payment of dues.

**Suspended for non-payment of dues in Subordinate Lodge.**

Suspended for non-payment of dues in 1906

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**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing Jan. 1, 1851.**

|    | C. P.              | H. P.             | S. W.            | J. W.            | Scribe.            | Treasurer.          |
|----|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | S. G. Tower,       | Jonathan Fiske,   | Chas. Hayden,    | E. W. Norris,    | Wm. H. Jones,      | Rich'd W. Baker.    |
| 2  | A. B. Child,       | R. Cummings,      | J. S. Jones,     | S. P. Knight,    | R. W. Hall,        | Robert Wharton.     |
| 4  | A. P. Plympton,    | Thomas Wilson,    | H. N. Moore,     | J. A. Denton,    | G. F. Butterfield, | C. Simpson.         |
| 5  | Henry Conn,        | Chas. R. Knights, | Edward Ward,     | Hiram Whitney,   | J. Carter Cutter.  | J. A. D. Worcester. |
| 6  | B. Reynolds,       | Daniel Hall,      | D. C. Simpson,   | G. H. Wheeler,   | J. Winsor, Jr.,    | C. Thurston.        |
| 7  | John Bartlett,     | J. L. Knight,     | Geo. Bartlett,   | J. A. P. Allen,  | M. H. Sargent,     | E. Burrill.         |
| 8  | Geo. L. Brownell,  | E. Stetson,       | Zeno Kelley,     | J. A. P. Allen,  | John Fuller,       | J. W. Nickerson.    |
| 11 | John Davis,        | E. A. Pettingill, | John S. Andrews, | Jacob Jackson,   | Wm. S. Albertson,  | George Butts.       |
| 12 | George Dodge,      | Joseph Byron,     | Moses Gleason,   | John T. Byron,   | Wm. Withington,    | Stillman Stone.     |
| 13 | Robt. P. Clough,   | Thomas Oakes,     | James H. Conrey, | R. G. Goss,      | John W. Rhoades,   | Joseph Swasey.      |
| 14 | A. T. Brown,       | D. S. Dickerman,  | Elias Strange,   | A. A. Leach,     | Lawson Blood,      | Charles Foster.     |
| 15 | J. S. Brown,       | E. E. Denniston,  | W. Herrick,      | Wm. C. Prentiss, | J. L. Wells,       | J. W. Willson.      |
| 17 | Geo. Ashworth,     | A. R. Boynton,    | Osias Ross,      | J. A. Sawtell,   | J. D. Ashton,      | Thomas Barr.        |
| 20 | J. P. Dole,        | A. Littlefield,   | D. B. Rockwood,  | Lemuel Whitney,  | Elias Whitney,     | N. Doty.            |
| 21 | Jesse A. Morey,    | J. Robbins, Jr.,  | B. A. Morey,     | John Vanrecton,  | J. S. Peck,        | James H. Butler.    |
| 23 | Joseph Horkey,     | Geo. H. Rice,     | George Vail,     | Joshua Foster,   | Chas. Howard,      | R. Davidson.        |
| 24 | Barnard Green,     | J. A. Mead,       | Danl. Howard,    | E. Withington,   | Wm. Tozer,         | Jefferson Fitts.    |
| 25 | Saml. Leonard,     | O. Sweatland,     | S. T. Averill,   | J. W. Crane,     | C. W. Kimball,     | S. R. Crane.        |
| 26 | Henry Lyon,        | T. J. Pickering,  | Asa Petty, Jr.,  | Perry Gifford,   | H. N. Gunn,        | J. B. Hathaway.     |
| 28 | J. C. Butterworth, | J. W. Howland,    | E. D. Foster,    | E. Taylor,       | S. W. Brayton,     | E. H. Briggs.       |
| 29 | Gorham Hallett,    | Elijah Lewis, 2d, | Chas. Lewis.     | M. C. Baker,     | Rufus S. Pope,     | Edwin Baxter.       |
| 30 | John Upton,        | T. E. Ware.       | Joseph Wood,     | Wm. M. Pride,    | — White,           | A. P. Kimball.      |

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**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT OASIS HALL, IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON, AUGUST 6th, 1851.**

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ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
I. O. OF O. F.

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OASIS HALL, BOSTON, }  
*Wednesday, August 6, 9 o'clock, A. M.* }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

PHILIP K. HILLS,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
ELIPHALET HILLS,	" <i>High Priest.</i>
JOHN R. MULLIN,	" <i>Sen. Warden,</i>
ALFRED MUDGE,	" <i>Scribe.</i>
JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	" <i>Treasurer.</i>
WILLIAM M. NASSAU,	" <i>Jun. Warden.</i>

and a due Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion, of P. G. P. Wm Ellison, the reading of the Records of last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Reps. N. M. George and J. M. Cook, to examine the Certificates of Representatives.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would Report the Returns for the Term ending with June 30th, as follows :

Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, as correct.

Nos. 5, 7, 24, and 29 incorrect.

Nos. 8, 24, and 28 were not received in season to exempt them from fines.

Nos. 10, 16, 19 and 27 not received,—fined.

Nos. 28 and 29 have not sent in their Annual Return.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and laid on the table :

*Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

DR.

1851—Feb. 1.	To balance on hand,	- - -	\$ 64 03	
Aug. 5.	To Cash received at sundry times for Dues, Cards, &c.,	- - -	216 55	
			<hr/>	\$280 58

CR.

1851—July 1,	Cash paid Postage to date,	- - -	\$ 1 45	
Aug. 1.	Two Quarter's Salary to date,	- - -	25 00	
" 5.	Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	- - -	230 00	
" 5.	Balance to new account,	- - -	24 13	
			<hr/>	\$280 58

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Indebtedness of Subordinate Encampments, at this date, is as follows :

<i>Encampments.</i>		<i>Fines.</i>	<i>Dues.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Massasoit,	No. 1,	.....	\$15 88	\$15 88
Monomake,	" 4,	.....	5 40	5 40
Bunker Hill,	" 5,	\$ 5 00	9 60	14 60
Merrimack,	" 7,	5 00	.....	5 00
Annawan,	" 8,	5 00	2 27	7 27
Wachusett,	" 10,	20 00	11 70	31 70
Shalom,	" 12,	.....	2 08	2 08
Naumkeag,	" 13,	5 00	5 36	10 36
Mt. Holyoke,	" 15,	.....	9 50	9 50
Wanackmamack,	" 16,	5 00	2 18	7 18
Howard,	" 19,	20 00	10 20	30 20
Quinshepaug,	" 20,	10 00	2 63	12 63
Grey Lock,	" 21,	5 00	2 76	7 76
Mt. Hebron,	" 24,	5 00	.....	5 00
Green River,	" 27,	20 00	14 73	34 73
Wells,	" 28,	5 00	2 00	7 00
Iyanough	" 29,	.....	4 35	4 35
		\$110 00	\$100 64	\$210 64

Respectfully submitted,

August 5, 1851.

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, which was received, and laid on the table :

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

DR.—Amount of Cash on hand, at Feb. Session, \$ 17 60  
 Cash received of Grand Scribe, - - 230 00  
 \$247 60

CR.—By Bills paid, as per vouchers, - - - 103 50  
 Balance of Cash on hand, - - - 144 10  
 \$247 60

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH NEWMARCH,

Boston, August 5, 1851.

*Grand Treasurer.*

The Financial Committee submitted their Annual Report, which was read and accepted :

**To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.**

The Committee of Finance have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find as follows :

The G. Scribe had on hand, Feb. 1, 1851,	\$ 64 03	
He has received from Sub. Encampments,	216 55	
	<hr/>	\$280 58
The Grand Scribe has paid postage,	1 45	
Six months' Salary of Scribe,	25 00	
Paid Grand Treasurer,	230 00	
Cash on hand,	24 13	
	<hr/>	\$280 58
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The Grand Treasurer had February 1, 1851,	\$ 17 60	
Since received from Grand Scribe,	230 00	
	<hr/>	\$247 60
The Grand Treasurer has paid bills,	103 50	
Cash on hand,	144 10	
	<hr/>	\$247 60
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The available means of the Grand Encampment, are :

Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,	\$144 10
“ “ “ “ Grand Scribe,	24 13
	<hr/>
	\$168 23
There is due from Subordinates to the G. Encampment,	210 64
The Grand Encampment is indebted to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the sum of .	137 37

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE WILLIAMS,  
DAVID AYRES,  
WM. H. PARKER,  
*Finance Committee.*

Aug. 5, 1851.

On motion, of Past Grand Patriarch Ellison, the Reports of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were taken from the table, approved and ordered on file.

Past Grand Patriarch Ellison, from the Committee chosen at the last Session to correspond with delinquent Encampments, [see page 12, Proceedings Feb. Ses. 1851,] made a partial Report, and asked for further time, which was granted.

Naumkeag Encampment, No. 13, Salem, submitted an excuse for fine, (July, 1850,) which, on motion to excuse, was decided in the affirmative.

An excuse, for fine against Grey Lock Encampment, was offered in communication from D. D. G. Patriarch Hews, which, on motion to excuse, was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Warner submitted an excuse for fine against Wells Encampment, and, on motion of Grand Rep. Frost, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of fines, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed Reps. H. Lord, A. W. Pollard, and William H. Warner.

Rep. George, from the Committee on Representatives' Certificates, submitted the following Report, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, would report the following as correct, viz :

**MASSASOIT, No. 1.**—*P. C. P's.* Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, Albert Guild, William Ellison, John R. Mullin, Louis Dennis, David Ayres, John Binney, Judson Murdoch, N. M. George, A. B. Ely, Aram Youlen, George H. Foote, S. G. Tower, N. Y. Culbertson.—*P. H. P's.* William H. Jones, A. P. Cleverly, Charles A. Smith, L. M. Smith, A. W. Pollard, Samuel Prince, Dexter Bowker, A. S. Ferguson, S. B. Krogman, S. F. Wilson, F. A. Kemp, Joseph Newmarch, Mortimer Lyon, Jonathan Fiske.

**TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.**—*P. C. P's.* Edward Tyler, N. A. Thompson, Geo. Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, Wm. A. Bell, Wm. H. Parker, E. P. Dolbeare, Jr., Wm. M. Nassau, Robt. W. Hall, Wm. H. Cook, E. H. Tucker, Jr., A. B. Child, Wm. E. Parmenter, J. B. Cook, Elisha Pratt, T. J. Leland, Stephen Cain, Samuel French, 2d.—*P. H. P's.* Geo. L. Montague, Jos. B. Frost, Jr., G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereaux, Wm. P. Baker, Samuel Nicolson, Levi Wilkins, J. W. Barton, Darius Forbes, James Rice, H. D. Ward, J. T. Whittemore, R. Cummings, John P. Lovell, J. C. Chase.

**MANOMAKE, No. 4.**—*P. C. P's.* A. Huntington, L. A. Cutler, E. Hills, A. B. Plympton, F. Perkins. *P. H. P's.* Wm. Clark, Hargreaves Lord, Thomas Wilson.

**BUNKER HILL, No. 5.**—*P. C. P's.* Isaac C. Cushing, Isaac Cook, Wm. Caban, Nahum Chapin, Robt. B. Edes, Jr., H. P. Fairbanks, Samuel Palmer, W. W. Peirce, Caleb Rand, Warren Tapley, Ashbell Waitt, J. A. D. Worcester, H. B. Braman, Henry Conn.—*P. H. P's.* N. P. Brooks, J. C. Cutter, A. H. Cole, J. Caldwell, George Fuller, Francis Simonds, Gardner R. Welch, Joseph Wells, D. W. Sargent, Charles R. Knights, Elbridge Brown.

**MT. WASHINGTON, No. 6.**—*P. C. P.* Charles D. Strong.—*P. H. P's.* Geo. H. Wheeler, Alvin Howard, Jas. McFarland, Jos. Cleasby.

**ANNAWAN, No. 8.**—*P. C. P's.* Timothy Ingraham, J. S. Barney, E. Thornton, Jr., S. G. Driscoll, Edward Stetson, James Taylor, Wm. Read, J. W. Nickerson, Geo. L. Brownell, G. H. Taber.—*P. H. P's.* Wm. H. Taylor, John Fuller, William L. Gerrish.

**SAMOSSET, No. 11.**—*P. C. P's.* Sumner F. Barrett, Wm. H. Calrow, Jacob Jackson, W. S. Albertson.—*P. H. P's.* George Butts, Edwin Butts, John Davis, Enoch A. Pettengill.

**NAUMKEAG, No. 13.**—*P. C. P's.* Wm. Archer, Jr., Samuel B. Foster, Franklin Grant, John C. Howard, Walter S. Harris, J. Kimball, Jonathan Perley, Jr., J. M. Decker, Stephen Whitmore, Jr., Joseph Farnham, John White, Robert P. Clough.—*P. H. P's.* Israel D. Shepard, Wm. Saunders, Simeon Flint, Benjamin S. Grush, J. W. Rhoades, Enoch K. Noyes, Geo. H. Pierson, Joshua W. Moulton, Alva A. Evans, Thomas Oakes.

**NAOMI, No. 14.**—*P. C. P's.* J. M. Cook, J. P. Ellis, W. M. Hale, D. S. Dickerman, L. Blood, E. A. Morse, N. W. Richmond.—*P. H. P's.* E. D. Tisdale, C. Foster, W. H. Brown, S. Thayer, A. F. Brown.

**MT. HOLYOKE, No. 15.**—*P. C. P's.* Amos H. Bullen, L. J. Washburn, Enos Parsons, William C. Prentiss, H. K. Starkweather, Jr., John B. Augur, Lewis Bliss.—*P. H. P's.* Samuel Wells, Curtis R. Parsons, James Thompson, W. Herrick, F. N. Clark, J. L. Wells, Addison S. Peck.

**LOWELL, No. 17.**—*P. H. P.* A. R. Boynton.

**QUINSHEPAUG, No. 20.**—*P. C. P's.* B. Morse, O. Underwood.

**GREY LOCK, No. 21.**—*P. H. P.* J. L. Peck.

**MT. HEBRON, No. 24.**—*P. C. P's.* William Tozer, L. Hayden, E. Withington, J. A. Mead, B. Green, J. T. Sumner.—*P. H. P's.* N. Withington, W. W. Hawes, G. Marden, W. Page, J. Fitts, G. E. Monk.

**AGAWAM, No. 25.**—*P. C. P.* Samuel Leonard.—*P. H. P's.* Moses Lyman, O. Sweatland.

**WELLS, No. 28.**—*P. H. P.* William H. Warner.

**LYANOUGH, No. 29.**—*P. C. P.* John A. Baxter.

On motion of the Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment proceeded to instruct the Candidates in waiting, when the following members received the Grand Encampment Degree.

- No. 1.—P. C. P., John Binney.
- “ 2.—P. C. P., John P. Lovell; P. H. P., R. Cummings.
- “ 4.—P. C. P's., A. B. Plympton, F. Perkins; P. H. P., Thomas Wilson.
- “ 6.—P. H. P., Joseph Cleasby.
- “ 8.—P. C. P's., James Taylor, William Read, George H. Taber, George L. Brownell.
- “ 11.—P. C. P., W. S. Albertson.
- “ 14.—P. C. P., N. W. Richmond.
- “ 15.—P. C. P., William C. Prentiss.
- “ 21.—P. H. P., J. L. Peck.
- “ 25.—P. C. P., Samuel Leonard; P. H. P's., Moses Lyman, O. Sweatland.
- “ 29.—P. C. P., John A. Baxter.

Rep. Lord, from the Committee on Fines, made a partial Report, which was accepted, and recommendations adopted :

[The Report not being submitted in writing, the Grand Scribe is unable to insert.]

A recess of ten minutes was had, in order to prepare ballots for candidates to the several Grand Offices.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers ; Reps. A. B. Ely, William A. Bell, and J. B. Frost, Jr., were appointed to superintend the ballot.

At the request of Grand Representatives Frost and Ely, (they being engaged in counting the ballots,) Grand Rep.



Elison, from the Grand Lodge, proceeded to instruct the Grand Encampment in the Work of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and referred to Reps. Samuel Wells, A. B. Cutler, and S. B. Krogman, for the purpose of nominating suitable Committees on such portions of it, as it is deemed advisable to bring before this Grand Body.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Encampment.*

**PATRIARCHS,**—It becomes my duty, at this your Annual Session, to submit to you a Report of the condition of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction. I regret that I am unable to make this Report so full as is desirable, owing to the failure of a large majority of the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs to make the reports required of them. I regret still more, that the information which has been communicated to me is of a character which urges upon me the conviction, that this branch of the Order is not in that prosperous and flourishing condition which marked it but a few years since. I trust that your wisdom will yet devise measures which will correct all this, and that we shall again see our Subordinate Encampments putting forth that vigor which the cause in which they are engaged so richly merits.

I am happy in being able to inform you, that Wanackmamack Encampment, No. 16, at Nantucket, has, since your last session, paid up its dues and resumed work.

I have been indirectly informed, that Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, of Worcester, which has failed to make its returns for the last two or three Terms, has, in fact, suspended its meetings; mainly, if not entirely from a feeling of dissatisfaction with the decisions which have been made upon a matter which will be fresh in the recollection of many members of this Body. I suggest the propriety of making an effort to heal the wounded feelings of these Patriarchs, and thereby securing the continuance of the advantages of an Encampment in so desirable and flourishing a locality as the city of Worcester.

Most of the few reports which have been received from the District Deputies, describe an alarming apathy as existing in their several Encampments, manifested, particularly, in the thin attendance upon their meetings, and, in some cases, in the falling off of members by failure to pay dues. I felt compelled to call your attention to this state of things in my last communication, and it is, therefore, unnecessary for me at this time to enlarge upon it. In this connection, how-

ever, I submit to your consideration, whether it would not be well so to amend the constitution of Subordinate Encampments as to leave the entire regulation of their financial affairs to themselves, with the exception of Degree fees. We now fix a minimum rate of dues, while we leave it optional with them to pay benefits or not. If the course suggested should be pursued, the several Encampments could adjust their dues to their expenses, including the dues to the Grand Encampment; and could continue their existence, in many cases, on a foundation of reciprocal benefit, other than the pecuniary.

The financial condition of your Right Worthy Body is such, that no legislation will be required upon it at the present time.

It has been thought by some, that the regulation adopted at your last session, with regard to outstanding demands against Subordinates might be regarded as temporary in its character. If such is in any degree the impression, would it not be well to adopt, at this time, something which should give permanency to a system of cash payments in all the transactions of this Body with Subordinate Encampments?

During the year which I have occupied the station to which your partiality elevated me, the duties have not been arduous. No new Encampments have been brought into existence, on the contrary, several have passed from the stage of being. In view of this, we must console ourselves with the reflection, that to institutions like ours, as to individuals, periods of prosperity and of adversity are in turn allotted by the Divine Ruler. As the past has been a year of adversity, let us cheerfully hope that the one upon which we are about to enter may prove full of prosperity; let us at any rate carry through it a determination, that no exertions shall be wanting on our part to make it such.

In surrendering my trust, allow me to tender you, worthy Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment, my cordial thanks for the kind manner in which you have sustained me in the discharge of my duties. To my associates in office, I also make my acknowledgements for valuable assistance cheerfully rendered. May the legislation of this session, and of future sessions, be of such a character as shall enable my successors in office to look forth upon the field of their labors, and see among numerous tents of the faithful, no other signs than those of harmony and of universal and unexampled success.

*Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,*

**PHILIP K. HILLS,**  
*Grand Patriarch.*

*August 6, 1851.*

The Committee appointed to superintend the balloting for nomination of Officers, announced the result to be as follows:

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	45
W. H. Warner had	-	-	-	-	14
J. R. Mullin,	-	-	-	-	11

Joseph B. Frost, Jr.	-	-	-	7
W. L. Gerrish,	-	-	-	4
L. A. Cutler,	-	-	-	4
Scattering, 1 each,	-	-	-	5

Reps. Wm. H. Warner, John R. Mullin, and Joseph B. Frost, Jr., were declared candidates for the office of Grand Patriarch.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	41
L. A. Cutler had	-	-	-	-	15
William M. Nassau,	-	-	-	-	13
Timothy Ingraham,	-	-	-	-	3
Abner W. Pollard,	-	-	-	-	2
Scattering, 1 each,	-	-	-	-	8

Reps. L. A. Cutler, Wm. M. Nassau, and T. Ingraham, were declared candidates for the office of Grand H. Priest.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	40
A. B. Plympton, had	-	-	-	-	17
William A. Bell,	-	-	-	-	5
J. M. Cook,	-	-	-	-	4
N. M. George,	-	-	-	-	2
T. Ingraham,	-	-	-	-	2
Scattering, 1 each,	-	-	-	-	10

Reps. A. B. Plympton, Wm. A. Bell, and J. M. Cook, were declared candidates for the office of Grand S. Warden.

#### FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	40
Alfred Mudge had	-	-	-	-	38
Charles D. Strong,	-	-	-	-	2

Reps. Alfred Mudge and C. D. Strong, were declared candidates for the office of Grand Scribe.

**FOR GRAND TREASURER.**

Whole number of Votes, -	-	-	-	-	33
Joseph Newmarch had	-	-	-	-	29
E. Trask,	-	-	-	-	2
E. H. Tucker,	-	-	-	-	1
H. Prince,	-	-	-	-	1

Reps. Jos. Newmarch, E. Trask, E. H. Tucker, and H. Prince, were declared candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of Votes, -	-	-	-	-	33
William A. Bell had	-	-	-	-	8
J. M. Cook,	-	-	-	-	5
N. M. George,	-	-	-	-	4
W. P. Baker,	-	-	-	-	3
C. N. Carter,	-	-	-	-	3
Scattering, 1 each, -	-	-	-	-	10

Reps. William A. Bell, J. M. Cook, and N. M. George, were declared candidates for the office of Grand J. Warden.

**FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

Whole number of Votes, -	-	-	-	-	44
William Ellison had	-	-	-	-	44

And Rep. Wm. Ellison was declared a candidate for the office of Grand Representative.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That we proceed to the Election of Grand Officers, at fifteen minutes before 12 o'clock, M.

The Chair appointed Reps. Lord, George and Ingraham, to prepare ballots, and superintend the ballot.

The Grand Encampment took a recess of seven minutes.

The Encampment came to order and proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing year. After which they proceeded to take up the business in order.

The Committee to whom was referred the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following Report, which was accepted; the first three recommendations were adopted, the fourth ordered to lie on the table, until the election of Grand Officers was declared.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed on so much of the M. W. Grand Patriarch's Communication, would respectfully Report :

1st. That so much as relates to Wachusett Encampment, be referred to Reps. Parmenter, Ingraham, and Warner.

2d. That so much as relates to Financial concerns of Subordinate Encampments, be referred to Reps. Ellison, Pollard, and Lord.

3d. That so much as relates to Cash Payments to Grand Encampment, be referred to Reps. Ely, George, and Prentiss.

4th. The Committee would further recommend, for the consideration of the Grand Encampment, the propriety of a Standing Committee on the State of the Order, to be appointed, by the Grand Patriarch, at each Annual Session of this R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WELLS,  
L. A. CUTLER,  
S. B. KROGMAN.

Rep. Ellison, from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was read and agreed to.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed on that part of the Grand Patriarch's Semi-Annual Communication relating to the financial concerns of Subordinate Encampments, would ask leave to Report :

That the subject is one of considerable magnitude and interest, and the Committee could not consistently arrive at any definite conclusion during the present session, and they would, therefore, ask permission to sit during the recess of the Grand Encampment, and will endeavor to Report at the next semi-annual session.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
HARGREAVES LORD.

Rep. Ely, from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and resolutions adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on so much of the Grand Patriarch's Communication, as relates to Cash payments, would report the following Resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be instructed, in all cases, to require payment in hand for all books, cards, and other matters by him furnished for the Grand Encampment to the Subordinate Encampments, and that no order from any Encampment be honored, unless the same be accompanied by the requisite funds.

*Resolved*, That the directions contained in a Resolution offered by Rep. Strong, at our last Communication, as recorded on page 14th of printed minutes, be considered by this Encampment as permanent and that the same be strictly enforced.

A. B. ELY,  
N. M. GEORGE,  
WM. C. PRENTISS.

[The Grand Scribe, for the better instruction of Encampments, presents the Resolution above alluded to :

*"Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be directed to forward to the D. D. Grand Patriarchs, with the Term P. W., an account, if any exists on the books against the Encampment of which he is to install the officers ; and before proceeding to the installation he shall require the payment of the same and the amount due the Grand Encampment, *upon the Return for the Term just ended* ; for which money and Return he shall receipt to the Encampment, and forward the amount to the Grand Scribe within the time prescribed by law."

being fifteen days before the Wednesday preceding the first Thursdays in February and August.]

On motion, the following Resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, To reconsider the vote passed to lay upon the table the fourth recommendation of the Committee on the Grand Patriarch's Communication.

*Resolved*, That the recommendation be adopted.

The Committee appointed to superintend the ballot for Grand Officers, reported the result to be as follows :

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	48
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	25
John R. Mullin had	-	-	-	-	23
William H. Warner,	-	-	-	-	13
Joseph B. Frost, Jr.	-	-	-	-	12

No choice.

**FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	47
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	24
William M. Nassau had	-	-	-	-	24
L. A. Cutler,	-	-	-	-	21
Timothy Ingraham,	-	-	-	-	2

Rep. Wm. M. Nassau was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	43
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	22
A. B. Plympton, had	-	-	-	-	20
Wm. A. Bell,	-	-	-	-	18
J. M. Cook,	-	-	-	-	5

No choice.

**FOR GRAND SCRIBE.**

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	44
Alfred Mudge had	-	-	-	-	44

Rep. A. Mudge was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND TREASURER.**

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	45
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	23
Joseph Newmarch had	-	-	-	-	41
Joseph B. Frost, Jr.	-	-	-	-	3
E. H. Tucker,	-	-	-	-	1

Rep. Joseph Newmarch was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	40
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	21
William A. Bell had	-	-	-		14
N. M. Georgo	-	-	-	-	13
J. M. Cook	-	-	-	-	13

No choice.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of Votes,	-	-	-	-	47
William Ellison had	-	-	-		47

Rep. Wm. Ellison was declared elected.

The Grand Encampment proceeded to ballot for Grand Patriarch, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Jun. Warden; the candidate having the lowest number of votes being withdrawn from the nomination.

Rep. Parmenter from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report, as has reference to Wachusett Encampment, Report :

That they have no data within their control upon which to frame a recommendation to the Grand Encampment, and therefore suggest that the whole subject be committed to the Committee on delinquent Encampments, appointed at the last Session, with permission to sit during the recess.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. PARMENTER,  
WILLIAM H. WARNER,  
TIMOTHY INGRAHAM.

The Committee appointed to superintend the ballot, reported the result to be as follows :



**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of Votes, - - - -	45
Necessary to a choice, - - - -	23
John R. Mullin had - - - -	29
William H. Warner, - - - -	16

Rep. John R. Mullin was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of Votes, - - - -	40
Necessary to a choice, - - - -	21
William A. Bell had - - - -	21
A. B. Plympton, - - - -	19

Rep. Wm. A. Bell was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of Votes, - - - -	42
Necessary to a choice, - - - -	22
N. M. George had - - - -	30
Wm. A. Bell, - - - -	12

Rep. N. M. George was declared elected.

The following Grand Officers were then duly installed into their respective chairs by Past Grand Patriarch William Ellison, viz:

P. C. P. John R. Mullin,	Grand Patriarch.
P. C. P. William A. Bell,	" Senior Warden.
P. C. P. Alfred Mudge,	" Scribe.
P. C. P. N. M. George,	" Junior Warden.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Rep. S. B. Krogman, Grand Sentinel, who was duly installed into office.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, To adjourn till three o'clock, and that the Grand Scribe notify the Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer elect to appear at that time for installation.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock 45 minutes, to meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Encampment met, pursuant to adjournment.

P. Grand Patriarch William Ellison took the Chair, and installed

P. C. P. William M. Nassau as Grand High Priest.

P. C. P. Joseph Newmarch as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following Committees :

*Committee of Finance.*—David Ayres, Jos. B. Frost, Jr., and William Cook.

*Committee on Elections and Returns.*—William H. Warner and Dexter Bowker.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Past G. Patriarchs Wells and Ellison, and Rep. H. Lord.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the sum of three dollars be paid to the Room-keeper.

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Ellison, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to P. G. P. Philip K. Hills, for the ability and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over this Body, for the Term that has just expired.

On motion, at 3 o'clock 40 minutes, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe*.

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1851.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where Held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Per centage due Grand Encampment.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	2	3	3	1	1	8	24	1	1	7	173	\$418 99	\$15 88
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do,	do.	3	3	..	4	4	..	..	..	1	9	226	351 97	22 55
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	Middlesex,	..	..	..	..	..	1	23	..	..	..	72	121 00	5 40
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	112	191 39	9 60
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Suffolk,	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	40	68 12	5 11
Merrimack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	46 25	5 18
Annawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	..	..	..	..	1	16	..	..	..	..	31	39 00	2 27
*Wachusett, . .	10	Worcester,	Worcester,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	3 90
Samoset, . . .	11	East Boston,	Suffolk,	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	21	20 36	1 87
Shaloun, . . .	12	Dorchester,	Norfolk,	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	27	24 75	2 08
Naunkeng, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	71	100 00	5 32
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	48	43 78	3 60
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	48	98 53	3 60
Wanackmamack,	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	2 10
Lowell, . . .	17	Lowell,	Middlesex,	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	..	..	..	13	32 00	98
*Howard, . . .	19	Attleborough,	Bristol,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	2 25
Quinshepaug, . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	35	38 00	3 83
Grey Lock, . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	49	79 94	3 67
Samaritan, . . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	39 00	3 38
Mt. Hebron, . .	24	Randolph,	Norfolk,	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	23	36 00	4 05
Agawam, . . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	60	49 18	4 50

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

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Metacomet, . .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	44	\$ 118 51	\$ 10 50
*Green River, .	27	Greenfield,	Franklin,	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	44	54 30	5 70
Wells, . . . .	28	North Adams,	Berkshire,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	26	12 00	3 15
Iyanough, . .	29	Barnstable,	Barnstable,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	25	32 12	3 07
Roulstone, . .	30	Fitchburg,	Worcester,	24	24	7	11	1	63	7	72	1314	\$1718,00	\$ 123 97		

\*No Return.

†9 Suspended for non-payment of dues in Subordinate Lodge.

*NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing Jan. 1, 1852.*

<i>C. P.</i>	<i>H. P.</i>	<i>S. W.</i>	<i>J. W.</i>	<i>Scribe.</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>
1 Nath. Briggs,	D. W. Tarr,	W. L. Ring,	M. T. Durrell,	Wm. H. Jones,	Rich'd M. Baker.
2 J. P. Paine,	Robert Wharton,	L. Metcalf,	T. P. Jackson,	Wm. A. Bell,	Wm. H. Cook.
4 Geo. Fairgreaves,	J. A. Denton,	C. N. Carter,	A. S. Eaton,	F. Perkins,	N. B. Favour.
5 Chas Sanderson,	T. B. Richards,	Edward Harding,	R. M. Bickford,	J. Carter Cutter.	J. A. D. Worcester.
6 Jos. Winsor, Jr.	T. Newmarch,	Charles Reed,	J. H. Graupner,	Geo. H. Wheeler,	B. Reynolds.
7 A. F. Jacques,	M. H. Sargent,	S. E. Shernan,	James Webster,	G. T. Granger,	E. Burrill.
8 John Fuller,	J. W. Nickerson,	Tim. Ingraham,	G. E. Brownell,	James Taylor,	Wm. Read.
11 John S. Andrew,	S. F. Barrott,	Wm. H. Calrow,	John Davis,	Wm. S. Allertson,	George Butts.
12 Joseph Byron,	T. W. Capen,	Asa Wyman, Jr.	Aaron Whiting,	Wm. Withington,	Stilman Stone.
13 E. C. Webster,	James Kinball,	Alvah A. Evans,	Wm. Archer, Jr.	John W. Rhoades,	Joseph Swasey.
14 C. H. Stephens,	J. W. Puffer,	Artimas Briggs,	S. N. Staples,	Lawson Blood,	Charles Foster.
15 Lewis Bliss,	J. B. Auger,	Webster Herrick,	W. C. Prentiss,	C. M. Alvord,	H. K. Starkweather.
16 Geo. F. Worth,	C. R. Paddock.	Geo. W. Macy,	Moses Derby,	J. H. Barker,	W. C. Dorman.
20 C. T. Scott,	C. Partridge,	M. B. Sadler,	Samuel Whitney,	Elias Whitney,	Sullivan Sumner.
21 John Van Vecten,	Benj. A. Marcy,	L. H. Lester,	H. H. Holmes,	W. H. Murray,	J. Robbins, Jr.
23 Geo. Blake,	Geo. H. Rice,	B. H. Knox,	J. C. Currier,	P. R. Merriam, Jr.	R. Davidson.
24					
25 S. S. Holmes,	John Hall,	S. Leonard,	Moses Lyman,	Wm. Hankerson,	S. R. Crane.
26 J. B. Hathaway,	James Ford, 2d.	Alvan S. Ballard,	Wm. Davenport,	H. N. Gunn,	Thomas Burch.
28 A. J. Ray,	Wm. E. Taylor,	E. H. Briggs,	A. A. Richmond,	J. E. Butterworth,	Ed. Taylor.
29 M. C. Baker,	Edwin Baxter,	David Chubbs,	Sylvester Baxter,	H. N. Thayer,	Ira Baxter.
30 E. G. Lucas,	R. H. Clemence,	Daniel Emery,	T. B. Choate,	W. M. Pride,	T. S. Wilson.

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ENCAMPMENT HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.**

**AUGUST 4, 1852.**

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I. O. OF O. F.

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ENCAMPMENT HALL, BOSTON, }  
*Wednesday, August 4, 9 o'clock A. M.* }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

JOHN R. MULLIN,	<i>Grand Patriarch.</i>
HEZEKIAH PRINCE,	" <i>High Priest, P. T.</i>
WILLIAM A. BELL,	" <i>Senior Warden.</i>
ALFRED MUDGE,	" <i>Scribe.</i>
N. M. GEORGE,	" <i>Junior Warden.</i>
JOSEPH NEWMARCH,	" <i>Treasurer.</i>

and a due Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. P. Wm. Ellison, the reading of the Records of last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.



The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would report the Returns, ending with June 30th, as follows :

Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, as correct.

Nos 6 and 23, incorrect.

Nos. 6, 13, and 23 were not received in season to exempt them from fines.

Nos. 16, 19, 24, and 30, not received,—fined.

Howard, No. 19, Attleboro', has not made returns for five terms.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and accepted.

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

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1852—Feb. 4.	To balance on hand, - - -	\$55 87	
Aug. 4.	Cash received at sundry times for		
	Dues and Cards, - - -	116 37	
			\$172 24

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1852—July 31.	Cash paid, Postage to date, - - -	\$1 73	
" "	Two Quarters' Salary, - - -	25 00	
" "	Freight, - - - - -	1 00	
" "	Paid Grand Treasurer, - - -	130 00	
" "	Balance to new account, - - -	14 51	
			172 24

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The indebtedness of Subordinate Encampments at this date, is as follows :

*Indebtedness of Encampments, August, 1852.*

<i>Encampments.</i>		<i>Fines.</i>	<i>Dues.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
No. 5,	Bunker Hill,	5 00	26 62	31 62
" 6,	Mount Washington,	10 00	6 97	16 97
" 8,	Annawan,	10 00	5 50	16 50
" 13,	Naumkeag,	5 00	5 10	10 10
" 16,	Wanackmamack,	5 00	6 30	11 30
" 19,	Howard,	30 00	14 70	44 70
" 20,	Quinshepaug,	10 00	3 63	13 63
" 23,	Samaritan,	5 00	3 23	8 33
" 24,	Mount Hebron,	15 00	8 10	23 10
" 28,	Wells,		7 70	7 70
" 29,	Iyanough,		7 57	7 57
" 30,	Roulstone,	10 00	6 14	16 14
		105 00	101 56	207 66

Respectfully submitted,

August 4, 1852.

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, which was read and accepted.

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit the following Report :

1852—July 31. Cash on hand at last Session, \$57 29  
Cash received of Grand Scribe, 130 00

Whole Amount, 187 29

He has paid out as per vouchers, - - - 66 43

Leaving balance on hand, - - - - \$120 86

Respectfully submitted,

J. NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Financial Committee submitted their Annual Report, which was read and accepted.

*Report of Finance Committee.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report that they have

examined the Books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find as follows :

The Grand Scribe had on hand, Feb 4,	-	\$55 87	
He has received for Dues and Cards,	- -	116 37	
		<hr/>	\$172 24
The Gr. Scribe is credited two Q'sr's Salary,		25 00	
Incidental Expenses,	- - - -	2 73	
Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	- - - -	130 00	
Balance to new account,	- - - -	14 51	
		<hr/>	\$172 24
The Grand Treasurer had on hand, Feb 4,	-	57 29	
Received from Grand Scribe,	- - -	130 00	
		<hr/>	\$187 29
The Grand Treasurer has paid, as per vouchers,		66 43	
Cash on hand,	- - - -	120 86	
		<hr/>	\$187 29
The balance of Cash in the hands of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer is	-	\$135 37	
Respectfully submitted,		DAVID AYERS, WM. H. COOK.	

The Committee on Representatives' Certificates, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, would report the following as correct, viz :

**MASSASOIT, No. 1.**—*P. G. P's* Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, Albert Guild, William Ellison, William H. Jones, John R. Mullin.—*P. C. P's* Louis Dennis, David Ayres, John Binney, Judson Murdock, N. M. George, A. B. Ely, Aram Youlen, George H. Foote, S. G. Tower, N. Y. Culbertson, J. M. Burgess, Nathaniel Briggs, Charles Hayden.—*P. H. P's* Charles A. Smith, L. M. Smith, A. W. Pollard, Samuel Prince, Dexter Bowker, A. S. Ferguson, S. B. Krogman, S. F. Wilson, F. A. Kemp, Joseph Newmarch, Mortimer Lyon, E. W. Norris.

**TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.**—*P. G. P's* N. A. Thompson, William E. Parmenter.—*P. C. P's* Edward Tyler, Geo. Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, Wm. A. Bell, Wm. H. Parker, E. P. Dolbeare, Jr., Wm. M. Nassau, Robt. W. Hall, Wm. H. Cook, E. H. Tucker, Jr., A. B. Child, J. B. Cook, Elisha Pratt, T. J. Leland, Stephen Cain, Samuel French, 2d, Darius Forbes, J. S. Jones, J. P. Paine.—*P. H. P's* Jos. B. Frost, Jr., G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereaux, Wm. P. Baker, Samuel Nicolson, Levi Wilkins, J. W. Barton,

James Rice, H. D. Ward, T. J. Whittemore, R. Cummings, John P. Lovell, J. C. Chase, S. P. Knights, Robert Wharton.

**BUNKER HILL, No. 5.**—*P. C. P's* Isaac C. Cushing, Isaac Cook, Wm. Caban, Nahum Chapin, Robt. B. Edes, Jr., H. P. Fairbanks, Samuel Palmer, W. W. Peirce, Caleb Rand, Ashbell Waitt, J. A. D. Worcester, Henry Conn, H. B. Bramin, Charles Sanderson, N. P. Brooks.—*P. H. P's* J. C. Cutter, A. H. Cole, J. Caldwell, George Fuller, Francis Simonds, Gardner R. Welch, D. W. Sargent, Charles R. Knights, Elbridge Brown, T. B. Richards, Hiram Whitney, Daniel Johnson, Henry Lyon, Warren Tapley.

**MOUNT WASHINGTON, No. 6.**—*P. C. P's* Brewster Reynolds, Charles D. Strong, Joseph Winsor, Jr., Charles H. Reed, David C. Simpson, Charles Sampson, Samuel Newmarch, Daniel Hall, George Page.—*P. H. P's* Wm. A. Butters, James McFarland, J. H. Graupner, Josiah A. Stearns, George H. Wheeler, Joseph Cleasby, Alvin Howard, Adams M. Holden, Caleb Thurston.

**MERRIMACK, No. 7.**—*P. C. P's* John Bartlett, A. F. Jaques.—*P. H. P's* Thomas Pearson, George R. Dodge.

**ANNAWAN, No. 8.**—*P. C. P's* Timothy Ingraham, J. S. Barney, J. W. Nickerson.—*P. H. P's* John Fuller, William L. Gerrish.

**SAMOSSET, No. 11.**—*P. C. P's* Sumner F. Barret, Wm. H. Calrow, Jacob Jackson, W. S. Albertson, George Butts, John Davis, Enoch A. Pettengill, John S. Andrews.—*P. H. P.* Edwin Butts.

**NAUMKEAG, No. 13.**—*P. C. P's* Wm. Archer, Jr., Samuel B. Foster, Franklin Grant, John C. Howard, Walter S. Harris, J. Kimball, Jonathan Perley, Jr., J. M. Decker, Stephen Whitmore, Jr., Joseph Farnham, John White, Robert P. Clough, James H. Conrey, Edward C. Webster.—*P. H. P's* Israel D. Shepard, Wm. Saunders, Simeon Flint, J. W. Rhoades, Enoch K. Noyes, Geo. H. Pierson, Joshua W. Moulton, Alva A. Evans, Thomas Oakes, Richard G. Goff.

**NAOMI, No. 14.**—*P. C. P's* J. M. Cook, J. P. Ellis, W. M. Hale, D. S. Dickerman, L. Blood, N. W. Richmond, Augustus T. Brown.—*P. H. P's* E. D. Tisdale, C. Foster, W. H. Brown, S. Thayer, A. B. Crane.

**MOUNT HOLYOKE, No. 15.**—*P. C. P.* James Thompson.

**QUINSHEPAUG, No. 20.**—*P. C. P. C. T.* Scott.

**METACOMET, No. 26.**—*P. C. P's* Robert C. Brown, John B. Hathaway.

**ITANOUGH, No. 29.**—*P. C. P. M. C.* Baker.

On motion of the Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment

proceeded to instruct the Candidates in waiting, when the following members received the Grand Encampment Degree.

P. C. P. D. W. Tarr. Massassoit, No. 1.

P. C. P. J. B. Payne; P. H. P. R. Wharton. Tri-Mount, No 2.

P. C. P's John Bartlett, A. F. Jaques; P. H. P's Thomas Pearson, G. R. Dodge. Merrimack, No. 7.

P. C. P. John W. Nickerson. Annawan, No. 8.

P. C. P. Ed. C. Webster. Naumkeag, No. 13.

P. C. P. James Thompson. Mount Holyoke, No. 15.

P. C. P. C. T. Scott. Quinshepaug, No. 20.

P. C. P. John B. Hathaway. Metacomet, No. 26.

P. H. P. Thomas Dewy. Green River, No. 27.

P. C. P. M. C. Baker. Iyanough, No 29.

On motion of the Grand Scribe, the Committee on Fines, appointed at last Session, was discharged.

On motion of Rep. Ayres, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Board of Grand Officers be a Permanent Committee on Fines, their decision to be final, unless an appeal be taken to this Grand Encampment.

On motion of Grand Scribe, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Grand High Priest instruct in the Ante-Room, all those who present regular Certificates, throughout the day.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and referred to Reps. Baker, Ayres, and James M. Cook, for the purpose of nominating suitable committees on such portions of it as it is deemed advisable to bring before this Grand Body.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

PATRIARCHS,—Another year has rolled on in its course, and found us again assembled for the purpose of legislating for this, the Encampment branch of our beloved Order.

The law and custom require of me at this time to report to you the condition of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, under your jurisdic-

tion. I regret being under the necessity of reporting the same as I did at the Semi-Annual session, that the principal complaint is want of interest manifested by the Patriarchs, in failing to attend the regular meetings of the Subordinate Encampments. I believe, however, this want of interest is no more marked in the Encampment than in the Subordinate branch of the Order.

Although this is a general complaint, yet there are bright exceptions; some of the Encampments were never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. In some that have lain dormant for several years, a spark of interest has been kindled, which I believe is destined to increase to a flame, and that said Encampments ere long will be in a more prosperous and healthy condition than they could ever have been under any other circumstances.

Agreeably to your request, the Charter, Books, and other property of Wachusett Encampment, No 10, at Worcester, were called for in May last. I appointed Patriarch Ayres as Commissioner, with full power to settle all business of the Encampment which might have remained unsettled, and to transmit the property to the office of this Grand Encampment. That duty has been faithfully discharged; the Charter, Books, and Paraphernalia of said Encampment are now in possession of this Grand Encampment.

I would recommend that the Board of Grand Officers be authorized to dispose of the property of that, and all other Encampments which may come into their possession, as it is cumbersome to the office, and not suitable to be stored in ordinary places of storage.

The D. D. G. Patriarch of Howard Encampment, at Attleborough, asked for further delay in my call upon them, that they might make one more effort to revive the interest in their Encampment; and as there is no report from the Encampment, or from the District Deputy, I think that further time is unnecessary, they having had all they can reasonably ask for. And I would recommend the recall of the Charter without further delay.

The Grand Officers, by and with the assistance of Patriarch C. D. Cole, have obtained possession of the Record Books of Middlesex Encampment, No. 9. The Work Books are supposed to be in the possession of the last installed C. P. who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., which I think may be obtained by the Grand Scribe, who contemplates visiting New York soon. I would recommend that, on application, such of the Patriarchs as shall appear in good standing, and clear of the Books of said Encampment, may receive from this Grand Encampment a card, that they may not be deprived of the privileges of this branch of the Order.

And now, when about to surrender to you the trust which your preference has placed in my hands for the past year, allow me, Worthy Patriarchs, to tender you my cordial thanks for the kind manner in which you have sustained me in the discharge of my official duties. To my associates in office, I will also tender my especial thanks for the kind and cheerful manner in which they have assisted me in the discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Patriarch. The actual

duties of the Grand Patriarch this year, unlike many former years, have been very light.

Circumstances over which I have had no control, have prevented my visiting the Subordinates, as much as I designed to at the commencement of my official term.

I trust that, the legislation of this Session may be such as will be for the good of this branch of the Order, and pleasant to my successors in office.

Respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

JOHN R. MULLIN, *Grand Patriarch*.

The following amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates, submitted by Grand Senior Warden Bell, at the last Session, was taken from the table, and *adopted*.

Amend Article II. Section 2d, Clause 1st, by striking out in the second line the words "not less," and the words "than twenty-five cents per month."

The whole Clause now reads, as amended,

*Clause 1st.*—The regular contributions to the Encampment fund shall be at a rate to be determined by the By-Laws ; and the Encampment shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sum so determined, for twelve months.

Grand Junior Warden George, presented the following amendment to Constitution of Subordinates, which was *adopted*.

Amend Article II. Section 2d, Clause 3d, by striking out the words "a sum not less than twenty dollars," and insert, "such sum as may be determined."

The whole Clause now reads, as amended,

*Clause 3d.*—In case of the death of a Patriarch, who shall be qualified as provided in Clause 2d, there shall be allowed from the Encampment, such sum as may be determined, to defray the expense of burial; which shall be paid over without delay to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The C. P., in the absence of competent relations, shall assist in taking charge of the funeral, and receive an account of the disbursements.

The Committee to whom was referred the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and the several nominations confirmed.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Grand Patriarch, respectfully Report :

1st,—That so much as relates to Howard Encampment, be referred to P. G. Patriarch Wells, Reps. Ingraham and Wilson.

2d,—That the recommendation that refers to the disposal of the furniture and property of defunct Encampments, be referred to Reps. Underwood, Hayden, and Wm. H. Cook.

3d,—That so much as relates to Members of defunct Encampments, be referred to Reps. Lyon, Wilkins, and Butts.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. BAKER,  
DAVID AYRES,  
JAMES M. COOK.

Past Grand Patriarch Wells, from Mt. Holyoke Encampment, presented the following Communication, which was read, and on motion of Grand Scribe, it was ordered to be spread upon the Records.

[L. S.] MT. HOLYOKE ENCAMPMENT, No. 15, I. O. O. F. of }  
MASSACHUSETTS. }

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., JULY 19, 1852.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Mount Holyoke Encampment, No. 15, under your jurisdiction, would respectfully represent :

That from an examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the United States, it is apparent that a serious movement is about to be made for the abolishment of all Grand and Subordinate Encampments, and the reduction of the whole work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order to the standing of a Degree Lodge, to be incorporated with each separate Lodge.

So far as we are informed, the following are offered as the ostensible reasons for so extraordinary a change in the policy of Odd Fellowship:

1st,—Because the maintenance of the two branches is burdensome and expensive, and all the benefits can be secured at a much less expense by a union of the two under one organization.

2d,—Because the maintenance of two branches operates to create a want of interest in the Subordinate Lodge.

We have carefully examined these positions, and endeavored to give them all the weight they could demand, and cannot permit even an attempt to accomplish a measure so fraught with evil to our beloved Order as this would be, to pass without our utmost effort to prevent it.

We speak to you, Worthy Patriarchs, as to the initiated, and



therefore omit many details which would operate as objections to such a change, but we offer the following among many reasons why no such change should be made.

1st,—As to extra expense. If the several Lodges are to confer the Encampment Degrees, each Lodge must be at the expense of furniture, fixtures, regalia, jewels, &c., which is now borne usually by members from different Lodges, and this expense must also be borne proportionately by those who may never take the Encampment Degrees. If a Degree Lodge is to be instituted for several Lodges in a vicinity, it would only occupy the position now held by the Subordinate Encampment, and thus form an argument against the change. In sparsely settled portions of our country, Degree Lodges on this latter plan could not be sustained.

2d,—It is said the meetings of the Encampment and Lodge are too frequent, and take up too much time of the members; and that the union of the two would diminish them. On this head, we observe that the business of the Patriarchal branch can never be accomplished on the same evening, after the usual proceedings of a Subordinate Lodge. Much of the furniture must be changed; many of the members must be excluded, and the services are necessarily so long as to carry the business into unseasonable hours in the night, and thus give occasion for reproach from without.

This objection could be much better met by making the meetings of Encampments quarterly, and of Lodges monthly. Nor can we see that by such a change any diminution could be made in expenses for fuel, lights, attendants, and other ordinary expenses of the Encampment, inasmuch as an increase of burden would demand an increase of pay, and, therefore, it matters little to either branch on that point, whether the sum paid go to few or many.

3d,—If this change be made, the officers of the Lodge would most naturally become the officers in the Encampment branch, but here two obstacles present, which seem insurmountable. One is, that there are no officers in a Lodge corresponding with those of an Encampment, and the whole work must be re-written to make them so. The other is, that every officer of the Lodge assisting in conferring the Encampment Degrees, must be of the R. P. Degree. Some Brothers do not choose to take this Degree; others do not feel able to meet the expense required to do so. Shall we thus forbid all the offices of the Subordinate Lodge to them?

4th,—Why the sin of a lack of interest in the concerns of a Subordinate Lodge is laid at the door of the Encampment, is to us a mystery. Are there not at least other causes (if this could be proved to be one) for coldness or indifference on the part of Brothers, in the business or meetings of Lodges? But how is the fact? All speak from an experience which has not been limited to one Lodge or one State, when we say that of all Odd Fellows most engaged in the proper business, cares, or interests of our Order, our Encampment members are the most punctual in their attendance upon the meetings of the Lodge, and the least likely to shirk its duties or its burdens. It

is natural that those who have most at stake in any cause should be most willing to do or suffer for it, and so we find it. Indeed they are almost alone in their attendance at the sick beds and the burial of Brothers, although there may be some honorable exceptions.

There is, above and beyond all the ostensible reasons given by those proposing this change, another and more powerful one, having a deadly aim at the prosperity, if not the existence, of our beloved Order. It is this,—that by abolishing all Grand and Subordinate Encampments, the representation of the Order, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, will be entirely changed. There were returned at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 189,512 contributing members. The Grand Lodge had 89 Grand Representatives. Of this number, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Maryland, and Massachusetts furnished 24, representing 120,962 constituents, and the other States and the District of Columbia furnished 65 Representatives, representing 68,550 constituents. Should the proposed change take place, the aforesaid 120,962 constituents will have 12 Representatives, and the 68,550 constituents will have 48 Representatives, as the present Grand Lodge is constituted.

Now, why is this change sought? Is it not because the Patriarchal branch in some portions of the country has not flourished and increased in the same proportion which it has in others? And is this a cause sufficient to demand what is equivalent to the abolition of this branch, and hazarding the best interests of the Order? Should it not, even now, silence any objector on this point, that while there are 24 members who each represent 5040 constituents, there are 65 members who represent only 1054 each. There must be a point beyond which such an argument cannot be safely urged, and it appears to us that no good of the Order can reasonably demand of us the sanction or adoption of such a change.

As lovers of the Subordinate Lodges, as lovers of the peace, order, prosperity, and happiness of the Brotherhood, we solemnly protest against this proposed change of our organization, and pray that you will not only remonstrate, but instruct your R. W. Representatives in the G. L. U. S., with their utmost power to stand against a measure which promises nothing but evil, hatred, disunion, and destruction to our Order.

JAMES MORTON, C. P.

J. B. AUGUR, *Scribe*.

Rep. Underwood, from the Committee on that subject, presented the following Report, which was read, accepted, and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as relates to property of Subordinates in the hands of the Grand Encampment, submit the following Report :

They would advise that the recommendation of the Grand Patriarch be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

O. UNDERWOOD,  
CHARLES HAYDEN,  
WILLIAM H. COOK.

Past Grand Patriarch Wells, from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was read, accepted, and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's address as relates to Howard Encampment, would respectfully Report :

That inasmuch as all proper measures have been taken to obtain returns from said Encampment, without effect, your Committee would recommend that the Charter be recalled, and the property reclaimed, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Patriarch.

SAMUEL WELLS,  
T. INGRAHAM,  
S. F. WILSON.

Rep. Lyon, from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was read, accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the G. P's Communication as relates to granting Cards to members of defunct Encampments, would respectfully Report :

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and would recommend that Cards be granted to all members of defunct Encampments who shall present satisfactory evidence of good standing.

MORTIMER LYON,  
GEORGE BUTTS.

A recess of five minutes was had, in order to prepare ballots for candidates to the several Grand Offices.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers; Reps. Ayres, Wilkins, and Kimball were appointed to superintend the ballot, who announced the result to be as follows :

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

William A. Bell had	- 13	W. H. Cook,	- - 2
David Ayres,	- - 13	Scattering, 1 each,	- 3
N. M. George,	- - 6		

Reps. Wm. A. Bell, David Ayres, and N. M. George, were declared candidates for that office.

**FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**

N. M. George had	- 17	C. Hayden,	- - 1
William A. Bell,	- - 8	F. A. Kemp,	- - 1
T. Ingraham,	- - 3	D. Ayres,	- - 1
R. C. Brown,	- - 1		

Reps. Ingraham and Ayers declining, all others were declared candidates for that office.

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.**

Robert C. Brown had	11	Levi Wilkins,	- - 1
James M. Cook,	- 5	W. P. Baker,	- - 1
James Kimball,	- 4	W. H. Cook,	- - 1
S. B. Krogman,	- 2	N. Y. Culbertson,	- 1
N. M. George,	- 2	David Ayres,	- - 1
George Butts,	- - 1		

Reps. J. M. Cook, Kimball, Krogman, George, Baker, W. H. Cook, Culbertson, and Ayres declining, Reps. Brown, Butts, and Wilkins, were declared candidates for that office.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

Caleb Rand had	- 5	J. Bartlett,	- - 2
S. B. Krogman,	- 3	Wm. H. Cook,	- - 2
N. Y. Culbertson,	- 2	C. N. Carter,	- - 2
Charles Hayden,	- 2	Scattering, one each,	- 8

Rep. Culbertson declining, Reps. Rand, Krogman, Hayden, Bartlett, Cook, and Carter, were declared candidates for that office.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Alfred Mudge had - - - - - 38

And was declared candidate for that office.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Joseph Newmarch had 18 | David Ayres, - - 1

Samuel Newmarch, - 1 | J. Byron, - - 1

All were declared candidates for that office.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

A. B. Ely had - - 18 | H. Prince, - - 1

J. R. Mullin, - - 17 |

All were declared candidates for that office.

The Grand Encampment took a recess of five minutes, after which it proceeded to the Election of Officers; the Chair named the same Committee to superintend the ballot, who reported as follows :

## FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 37

Necessary to a choice, - - - - - 19

David Ayres had - - - 19

William A. Bell, - - - 15

N. M. George, - - - 3

Rep. David Ayres was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 32

Necessary to a choice, - - - - - 17

William A. Bell had - - - 22

N. M. George, - - - 10

Grand Senior Warden William A. Bell was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - - - - - 29

Necessary to a choice, - - - - - 15

Robert C. Brown had - - - 21

Levi Wilkins, - - - 8

Rep. Robert C. Brown was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	23
Alfred Mudge had	-	-	-	-	-	23

Grand Scribe A. Mudge was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	15
Joseph Newmarch had	-	-	-	-	-	15

Grand Treasurer Joseph Newmarch was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	29
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	15
Caleb Rand had	-	-	-	-	-	20
S. B. Krogman,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Charles Hayden,	-	-	-	-	-	2

Rep. Caleb Rand was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes,	-	-	-	-	-	37
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	-	-	19
John R. Mullin had	-	-	-	-	-	24
A. B. Ely,	-	-	-	-	-	13

Past Grand Patriarch Mullin was declared elected.

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Ellison, it was

*Resolved, unanimously,*—That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to past Grand Patriarch Mullin, for the ability and urbanity in which he has presided over this body, and discharged the duties of his office for the term that has just expired.

The following Grand Officers were then duly installed into their respective chairs, by Past Grand Patriarch William Ellison, viz:

P. C. P. David Ayres,	Grand Patriarch.
P. C. P. William A. Bell,	Grand High Priest.
P. C. P. Robert C. Brown,	Grand Senior Warden.
P. C. P. Alfred Mudge,	Grand Scribe.
P. H. P. Joseph Newmarch,	Grand Treasurer.
P. C. P. Caleb Rand,	Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Reps. George Butts, as Grand Sentinel, A. S. Ferguson as Deputy Grand Sentinel.

*Committee on the State of the Order*,—Past Grand Patriarchs Samuel Wells, William Ellison, and J. R. Mullin.

*Committee of Finance*,—Reps. N. M. George, William P. Baker, and William H. Cook.

*Committee on Elections and Returns*,—Reps. Timothy Ingraham, Charles Hayden, and James Kimball.

On motion, at 1 o'clock, 40 minutes, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe*.

*D. D. Grand Patriarchs Appointed August, 1852.*

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Dist.	Encampment.	No.	Place.	D. D. G. Patriarchs.
1	Massassoit,	1,	Boston,	Grand High Priest.
2	Tri-Mount,	2,	"	Grand Patriarch.
3	Monomake,	4,	Lowell,	Eliphalet Hills.
4	Bunker Hill,	5,	Charlestown,	Gr. Junior Warden.
5	Mount Washington,	6,	South Boston,	Gr. Treasurer.
6	Merrimack,	7,	Newburyport,	Philip K. Hills.
7	Annanaw,	8,	New Bedford,	J. W. Nickerson.
8	Samoset,	11,	East Boston,	George Butts.
9	Shalom,	12,	Dorchester,	J. T. Byron,
10	Naumkeag,	13,	Salem,	James Kimball.
11	Naomi,	14,	Taunton,	Charles Foster.
12	Mount Holyoke,	15,	Northampton,	Samuel Wells.
13	Wanackmamack,	16,	Nantucket,	H. C. Worth.
14	Quinshepaug,	20,	Milford,	O. Underwood.
15	Grey Lock,	21,	Pittsfield,	J. S. Peck.
16	Samaritan,	23,	Chelsea,	Frank B. Fay.
17	Mount Hebron,	24,	Randolph,	William Tozer.
18	Agawam,	25,	Springfield,	J. F. Comstock.
19	Metacomet,	26,	Fall River,	Gr. Senior Warden.
20	Green River,	27,	Greenfield,	W. T. Davis.
21	Wells,	28,	North Adams,	S. W. Brayton.
22	Iyanough,	29,	Barnstable,	J. E. Baxter.
23	Roulstone,	30,	Fitchburgh,	Charles Fessenden.



**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1852.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where Held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended, and Cause.	Expulsions, and Cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Per centage due Grand Encampment.
Massasoit, . . .	1	Boston,	Suffolk,	1	1	..	..	1	2	20	..	..	3	148	\$298 75	\$12 39
Tri-Mount, . . .	2	do,	do.	9	9	..	..	4	2	11	..	..	27	207	755 78	26 32
Monomake, . . .	4	Lowell,	Middlesex,	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	69	90 33	5 17
Bunker Hill, . .	5	Charlestown,	do.	1	1	..	..	2	..	7	..	3	3	100	149 50	8 70
Mt. Washington,	6	South Boston,	Suffolk,	2	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	6	31	59 00	4 72
Merrinack, . . .	7	Newburyport,	Essex,	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	49	129 19	4 18
Anawan, . . .	8	New Bedford,	Bristol,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	1 80
Samoset, . . .	11	East Boston,	Suffolk,	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	21	7 00	1 57
Shalón, . . .	12	Dorchester,	Norfolk,	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	9	21	63 62	5 17
Naumkeag, . . .	13	Salem,	Essex,	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	68	123 00	5 10
Naomi, . . .	14	Taunton,	Bristol,	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	45	69 24	3 37
Mt. Holyoke, . .	15	Northampton,	Hampshire,	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	42	72 70	3 15
*Wanackmanack	16	Nantucket,	Nantucket,	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	26	..	1 95
Quinshepaug, . .	20	Milford,	Worcester,	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	45	77 49	3 45
Grey Lock, . . .	21	Pittsfield,	Berkshire,	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	1	..	38	61 00	4 05
Samaritan, . . .	23	Chelsea,	Suffolk,	1	1	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	3	..	..	..
*Mt. Hebron, . .	24	Randolph,	Norfolk,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Agawan, . . .	25	Springfield,	Hampden,	3	3	..	1	..	2	4	..	..	9	42	93 50	7 35
Metacomet, . . .	26	Fall River,	Bristol,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	45	45 00	4 57

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

ENCAMPMENTS.	Number.	Where held.	County.	Initiated.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended and cause.	Expelled and cause.	Deaths.	No. degrees conferred.	Contributing members.	Amount of receipts.	Pr. centage due Grand Encamp't.
Green River,	27	Greenfield,	Franklin,	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	49	\$ 181 50	\$ 14 47
Wells, . . .	28	North Adams,	Berkshire,	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	27	36 69	2 02
Iyanough, . .	29	Barnstable,	Barnstable,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	44 22	1 95
*Roulstone, . .	30	Fitchburg,	Worcester,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				30 30 ..	..	..	3	16	6	99	..	4	90	1123	\$ 235.751	\$ 121 45

\*No Return.

**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing June 30, 1852.**

C. P.	H. P.	S. W.	J. W.	Scribe.	Treasurer.
1 W. L. Ring, 2 E. Cooleage, 4 Robt. J. Garrett, 5 Edw. Hardings, 6 Daniel Hall, 7 S. S. Blake, 8 James S. Barney, 11 Wm. H. Calrow, 12 Asa Wyman, Jr., 13 Alvah A. Evans, 14 C. H. Stephens, 15 James Morton, 16 20 M. B. Sadler, 21 J. Robbins, Jr., 23 Geo. H. Rice, 24 25 S. T. Averill, 26 Alvan S. Bullard, 28 T. M. Dewey, 29 E. H. Briggs, 30 David Chubbbs,	M. F. Durrell, T. P. Jackson, Moses Whiting, Robt. Beckford, Jos. Winsor, Jr., John Bartlett, J. W. Nickerson, Jacob Jackson, John T. Byron, E. C. Webster, Jos. W. Puffer, E. Parsons, John Corbitt, L. H. Lester, Elijah Endicott, S. R. Crane, Thomas Burch, Geo. D. Wells, S. W. Brayton, S. Baxter,	E. C. Deming, Chas. Birchard, Thos. C. Trow, Wm. Howells, David C. Simpson, J. Lovering, Jacob B. Hadley, E. A. Pettengill, B. Boegner, I. D. Shepard, S. N. Staples, J. R. Dickinson, A. H. Fisher, H. H. Holmes, T. H. Caruth, Sidney Ross, Wm. Davenport, J. R. Briggs, E. D. Foster, Ira Baxter.	Collins Stevens, Chas. F. Classen, A. Leighton, Wm. W. Peirce, Alvin Howard, M. H. Sargent, John Fuller, John Davis, Harvey H. Cloud, R. P. Clough, Artimas Briggs, W. C. Prentiss, I. P. Dale, C. B. Golden, Wm. Bradbury, John G. Taylor, Job. C. Dean, R. R. Taylor, L. W. Cormier, O. M. Hinckley,	Wm. H. Jones, Wm. A. Bell, E. G. Richardson, J. Carter Cutter, Geo. H. Wheeler, George R. Dodge, James Taylor, Wm. S. Allertson, Wm. Withington, John W. Rhoades, Lawson Blood, J. B. Augur, Elias Whitney, J. Van Vechten, Chas. Howard, Wm. Hankerson, H. A. Gunn, J. H. Sprague, J. C. Butterworth, E. Chase,	Rich'd M. Baker. Wm. H. Cook. J. E. Farnsworth. J. A. D. Worcester. B. Reynolds. E. Burrill. Wm. Read. George Butts. Moses Gleason. Joseph Swasey. Charles Foster. Charles Smith. Sullivan Sumner. Richard Jones. R. Davidson. Nathan Nevers. James Ford, 2d. J. Beals. Ed. Taylor. Sylvester Bearse.

*Abstract from the Annual Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of  
the U. States, for the year ending June 30, 1852.*

Number of Initiations,.....	51
“ of Rejections,.....	0
“ Admitted by Card,.....	7
“ Withdrawn by Card,.....	30
“ Reinstated,.....	8
“ Suspended for non-payment of Dues,.....	144
“ do. do. other causes,.....	17
“ Expelled,.....	0
“ of Deaths,.....	10
“ of Past Chief Patriarchs,.....	196
“ of Past High Priests,.....	153
“ of Contributing Members,.....	1113
Revenue,.....	\$4285.46

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RELIEF REPORT.

Number of Patriarchs Relieved,.....	99
“ of Widowed Families Relieved,.....	4
“ of Patriarchs Buried,.....	10
Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs,.....	\$1645.21
“ “ “ “ of Widowed Families,.....	23.50
“ “ “ Burying the Dead,.....	113.00
Total Amount of Relief,.....	1753.71



**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ENCAMPMENT HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON,**

**FEBRUARY 2, 1853.**

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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION  
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
I. O. OF O. F.

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ENCAMPMENT HALL, BOSTON, }  
Wednesday, Feb. 2, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, convened this day, being the regular Semi-Annual Session, when the following were present :

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| DAVID AYRES,     | <i>Grand Patriarch.</i> |
| WILLIAM A. BELL, | " <i>High Priest.</i>   |
| ROBERT C. BROWN, | " <i>Senior Warden.</i> |
| ALFRED MUDGE,    | " <i>Scribe.</i>        |
| CALEB RAND,      | " <i>Junior Warden.</i> |
| JOSEPH NEWMARCH, | " <i>Treasurer.</i>     |

and a due Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. P. Hezekiah Prince, the reading of the Records of last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

On motion of Grand Scribe, quarter past 10 o'clock was assigned for the admission of new members.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted.



*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would report the Returns, ending with December 31st, 1852, as follows :—

- Nos. 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, 14, 21, 23, and 26, correct.  
 No. 4, error in whole number and standing of members.  
 No. 6, last Return not corrected ; cannot examine the present.  
 Nos. 7 and 8, error in standing of members.  
 No. 13, error in standing of members, and no officers elected.  
 Nos. 15, 16, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28, and 29, not received ;—fined.  
 Nos. 11 and 12 were not received in season to exempt them from fines.  
 No. 16 has made no return for two terms.  
 No. 24 has made no return for three terms.  
 No. 30 has resigned its charter.

Respectfully submitted, **ALFRED MUDGE,**  
*Grand Scribe.*

On motion of the Grand Scribe, it was

*Resolved,* That the condition of Encampment No. 24, located at Randolph, be referred to the Grand Patriarch, and, if good and sufficient reasons cannot be given why its returns have been delayed, he be instructed to recall its charter, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution of this Grand Encampment.

Rep. Cook, from the Finance Committee, submitted their Financial Report, which was read and accepted, and ordered on file.

*Boston, February 2, 1853.*

The Committee on Finance submit the following Report :—

They have examined the books and vouchers of the Scribe and Treasurer, and find them correct.

|                                |   |   |   |   |              |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| Scribe had on hand August 4,   | - | - | - | - | \$14 51      |
| Received for Dues, Cards, &c., | - | - | - | - | 142 78       |
|                                |   |   |   |   | <hr/> 157 29 |

|                         |   |   |   |   |                |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| <b>CR.</b>              |   |   |   |   |                |
| By cash paid expenses,  | - | - | - | - | \$28 26        |
| By cash paid for Cards, | - | - | - | - | 20 00          |
| By cash paid Treasurer, | - | - | - | - | 60 00          |
| By cash to balance,     | - | - | - | - | 49 03          |
|                         |   |   |   |   | <hr/> \$157 29 |

|                               |   |   |   |   |                |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| <b>TREAS. DR.</b>             |   |   |   |   |                |
| To cash, balance,             | - | - | - | - | \$120 86       |
| To cash received from Scribe, | - | - | - | - | 60 00          |
|                               |   |   |   |   | <hr/> \$180 86 |
| By cash paid as per vouchers, | - | - | - | - | \$146 61       |
| By cash paid to balance,      | - | - | - | - | 34 25          |
|                               |   |   |   |   | <hr/> \$180 86 |

Respectfully submitted,  
**WILLIAM H. COOK,**  
**WILLIAM P. BAKER.**

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read, accepted and ordered to be spread upon the journal.

*Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

Dr.

|              |                                                            |         |                 |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1853—Aug. 1. | To balance on hand, - -                                    | \$14 51 |                 |
| Feb. 1.      | Cash received at sundry times<br>for Dues, Cards, &c., - - | 142 78  |                 |
|              |                                                            |         | <b>\$157 29</b> |

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|              |                               |        |               |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1853—Feb. 1. | Cash paid, Postage to date, - | \$1 01 |               |
| " "          | Two Quarters' Salary, -       | 25 00  |               |
| " "          | Freight, - - - - -            | 2 25   |               |
| " "          | 200 Travelling Cards, -       | 20 00  |               |
| " "          | Paid Grand Treasurer, -       | 60 00  |               |
| " "          | Balance to new account, -     | 49 03  |               |
|              |                               |        | <b>157 29</b> |

*Indebtedness of Encampments, July 1, 1853.*

| <i>Encampments.</i>    | <i>Fines.</i> | <i>Dues.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| No. 5, Bunker Hill,    | 5 00          | 7 20         | 12 20         |
| " 6, Mount Washington, | 10 00         | 9 64         | 19 64         |
| " 8, Annawan,          | 10 00         | 4 90         | 14 90         |
| " 11, Samoset,         | 5 00          | 1 58         | 6 58          |
| " 13, Naumkeag,        | 5 00          | 5 10         | 10 10         |
| " 15, Mount Holyoke,   |               | 3 15         | 3 15          |
| " 16, Wanackmamack,    | 10 00         | 10 43        | 20 43         |
| " 20, Quinshepaug,     | 15 00         | 4 58         | 19 58         |
| " 21, Grey Lock,       | 5 00          |              | 5 00          |
| " 23, Samaritan,       | 5 00          | 3 23         | 8 23          |
| " 24, Mount Hebron,    | 20 00         | 12 15        | 32 15         |
| " 25, Agawam,          |               | 3 45         | 3 45          |
| " 27, Green River,     |               | 3 67         | 3 67          |
| " 28, Wells,           | 5 00          | 9 70         | 14 70         |
| " 29, Iyanough,        | 5 00          | 9 52         | 14 52         |
| " 30, Roulstone,       | 10 00         | 6 14         | 16 14         |
|                        | <b>110 00</b> | <b>94 44</b> | <b>204 44</b> |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, which was read and accepted.

### *Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit his Semi-Annual Report:—

|                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1852—Cash on hand last session, - - - -        | \$120 86 |
| Jan. 1853—Cash received of Grand Scribe, - - - | 60 00    |

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180 86

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| He has paid out, as per vouchers, - - - - | 146 61 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|

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|                                            |       |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Leaving a balance of cash on hand of . - - | 34 25 |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|

Respectfully submitted,

J. NEWMARCH,

*Grand Treasurer.*

The Committee on additional Representatives' Certificates, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, would report the following as correct, viz :

|                   |                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| MASSASOIT, No. 1. | P. C. P. W. L. Ring.                    |
|                   | P. H. P. M. T. Durell.                  |
| TRI-MOUNT, 2.     | P. C. P. Emerson Cooledge.              |
|                   | P. H. P. Thomas P. Jackson.             |
| MONOMAKE, 4.      | P. C. P. Anson Huntington.              |
|                   | P. H. P. John A. Denton.                |
| MERRIMACK, 7.     | P. C. P's Nicholas Varina, S. S. Blake. |
| WELLS, 28.        | P. H. P. J. W. Howland.                 |

Representatives admitted and instructed.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was read. accepted, and referred to Reps. Ellison, Ingraham, and Norris, for the purpose of nominating suitable committees on such portions of it as it is deemed advisable to bring before this Grand Body.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**PATRIARCHS:**—Agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution, the Representatives of the several Subordinate Encampments are again convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the condition and wants of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction, and performing such acts, legislative and otherwise, as the exigences of the Order may at this time require.

In submitting this, my first Semi-Annual Communication, I regret to say that the condition of the Order, as a whole, has not improved during the term just closed. It is true, that some few Encampments are gradually increasing in numbers and usefulness, and at the present time their prospects appear bright and flattering, while by far the largest number remain in about the same condition as when last reported.

At your last session, it was ordered that the charter of Howard Encampment be reclaimed. In conformity with the vote of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Scribe has endeavored to have the charter and books of Howard Encampment returned, but as yet without success.

Roulstone Encampment, No. 30, has resigned its charter, and I have commissioned D. D. Fessenden to receive its effects and close its concerns.

In legislating for the Order, in its present condition, we cannot be too careful. Our legislation should be general rather than specific in its character, having in view the good and welfare of the whole; and leaving, as far as possible, the several Encampments free to act for themselves, as circumstances may to them seem to require, so long as their action does not contravene any of the general laws or principles of the Order.

With regard to the chartering of new Encampments, permit me to suggest that we may safely consult the experience of the past, and if upon a survey of the whole ground, it shall be discovered that we have heretofore been too liberal in granting charters, it is to be hoped that such discovery will prove a sufficient warning to prevent the falling again into the same error. In my judgment, no new charter should be granted, unless it is rendered absolutely certain that the interests of the Order not only require the granting of such charter, but that if granted, such Encampment can and will be well sustained.

In conclusion, I would suggest that all that is necessary to retrieve the Patriarchal branch of the Order in Massachusetts from its present condition is, for its members to make a strong and united effort in its behalf, and the work is accomplished. It remains with you to say whether it shall be done. If we do our duty to the Order,—if Odd Fellowship receives at our hands those efforts to which it is fairly entitled, we can, at the close of the present term, be able to say with truth and earnestness that the Patriarchal branch of the Order in Massachusetts is indeed prosperous.

Fraternally yours,

DAVID AYERS, *Grand Patriarch.*

The following Petition from Wells Encampment, No. 28, for change of location, was read.

*To the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

*North Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., }  
Friday, January 7, 1853. }*

Believing that Wells Encampment, No. 28, now located at North Adams, if left in its present location, must from various causes fail to sustain itself, and the charter be returned to the Grand Encampment; and believing it will be for the good of the Order in the northern part of Berkshire county, and the Patriarchal branch of the Order in the

State, that Wells Encampment should be sustained, and feeling assured that by removing the said Encampment to the South Village, in the said town of Adams, that it can and will be sustained and become a flourishing branch of the Grand Encampment,

Therefore, we the undersigned, in accordance with a unanimous vote of Wells Encampment, do respectfully ask of your Grand Body for leave to remove Wells Encampment to the South Village of Adams, in the same town of Adams.

[Seal.]

E. D. FOSTER, C. P.  
A. J. RAY, Scribe.

We concur in the above opinions.

JAMES C. BUTTERWORTH.

J. W. HOWLAND.

J. D. STEWART.

S. W. BRAYTON.

E. TAYLOR.

On motion of Grand High Priest, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, provided two-thirds of the members of said Encampment sign a document to request the same.

Grand Rep. Ellison presented the following Report of the doings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the Records.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

The undersigned, Grand Representatives from the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts to the Grand Lodge of the United States, would respectfully ask leave to present the following transcript of the proceedings of the parent Institution, at its annual communication, held in the city of Baltimore, commencing September 20, 1852. There were present Representatives from thirty-one State Grand Lodges and twenty-six State Grand Encampments.

In accordance with the provisions of a recent amendment of the Constitution, the Grand Lodge, on the second day of its session, proceeded to the election of officers for the term commencing in September, 1853, which resulted in the choice of the following distinguished and long tried faithful servants of the Order:—

M. W. Grand Sire, Wilmot G. DeSaussure, of South Carolina.

R. W. D. Grand Sire, Horace A. Manchester, of Rhode Island.

R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

R. W. Grand Treasurer, Joshua Vansant, of Maryland.

All of whom bring to the discharge of the important duties of their respective offices the ability and energy that will redound to their own honor, and advance the welfare of our beloved Institution.

The Annual Reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer were presented, and were spread upon the records. Those interested in the details of our organization will be pleased to learn of the continued activity, and usefulness of the Institution throughout its jurisdiction, adding each year to its numerical strength, and

extending its dominion and keeping pace with the advancing strides of the progressive spirit of the age. The Report of the Grand Sire informs us that Grand Lodges have been established in all the States except California, and Grand Encampments in nearly all of them.

Of the constitutional amendments, proposed at the session of 1851, only two were adopted, viz: Article 14th was amended by striking out the word "Master," and inserting after the word "R. P. Degree" and G. E. Degree, thus making all Past Grands who have received the R. P. and G. E. Degree, eligible to the office of Grand Sire and D. G. Sire. Article 11th was amended by striking out the word "third" and inserting "first," thereby changing the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the first Monday in September.

The Grand Lodge decided that, under the existing law, a Card could not be granted by the N. G. or Secretary, or in any other manner than by the action of the Lodge. The spirit of this rule, of course, applies also to Encampments.

It was decided, in answer to an inquiry as to the right of a Lodge, in refusing to grant a Brother a Card who proposed to visit sickly climes, responded, "That the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session of 1851, declared that Subordinate Lodges had no right to refuse a Card to a member because of his intention to visit a more dangerous climate than that in which the Lodge is located; and that unless contracted by immoral conduct, the hazard of climate appears to be one of the risks insured against."

It was decided that a Subordinate Lodge could not grant leave of absence to a Noble Grand for a majority of the nights of his term, without working a forfeiture to the officer of the honors of the term.

A document was presented, informally, from the Order in England, urging a Union with the Order in America. It was referred to a Special Committee, who reported against the annexion, and directed the Grand Secretary to return the paper to the source from which it emanated, with a copy of the Report of the Committee; together with the action of the Grand Lodge, with information that *his* office is the appropriate channel through which to approach the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It was decided that a ballot could not, under any circumstances, be re-considered, but must stand as a final judgment,—that if fraud is charged, the ballot could be scrutinized, and if fraud is established, a new ballot should be ordered; but a reconsideration is inadmissible.

Resolutions were adopted to elect a committee of five, to whom should be referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, said Committee to sit during the recess, and to report said amendments and alterations at the Annual Communication in 1853, to be acted upon at the session of 1854. This is a highly important measure, and one which has long been needed by our whole jurisdiction; and when we mention such names as DeSaussure, Colfax, Barnard, and Griffin, as members of this Committee, it is a cause of congratulation that this important work has fallen into such able hands.

It was decided that a Brother, who is a member in good standing in a

Subordinate Lodge in one State, and at the same time is a resident in another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an Encampment at the place of his residence.

A Committee was appointed, with leave to sit during the recess, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the true relation that should subsist between dues and benefits, and to construct a table showing, upon the established principles of life and health insurance, what amount of benefits will accrue from a given amount of dues at each year of age, from twenty-one to sixty, and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The subject of abolishing Encampments and of merging Encampment Degrees in Subordinate Lodges, was brought before the Grand Lodge in various forms, but was rejected.

A proposition was made, to make the continuance of membership in the Encampment independent of the Subordinate Lodge. The subject was referred to a special committee, who reported against the proposition, which report was accepted and adopted.

A resolution was passed, forty-eight to forty-one, to hold the next annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the city of Philadelphia.

The undersigned have touched only upon such legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as affects the patriarchial department of our order, leaving it where it more properly belongs, to the distinguished representatives from the Grand Lodge of our jurisdiction, to give you a more elaborate analysis of the acts of the Grand Lodge of the United States as affecting not only the Subordinate Lodges and the State Grand Lodges, but the order generally. Trusting that our official acts will meet the approbation of a generous constituency,

We remain fraternally yours,

WM. ELLISON,  
JOHN R. MULLIN. }

*Boston, February 2, 1853.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Mass. I. O. O. F.*

The Committee to whom was referred the semi-annual communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, have carefully perused the document, and most fully concur with its suggestions and sentiments.

The Committee find nothing in the document submitted to them, requiring any legislation on the part of this body. In regard to the unsuccessful attempt to reclaim the charter and books of Howard Encampment, your Committee are not possessed of the present condition of the negotiations with that Excampment, and consequently have no recommendation to suggest in regard to it.

Fraternally submitted,

*February 2, 1853.*

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
T. INGRAHAM,  
E. W. NORRIS.

A petition of seven members of the R. P. Degree, for an Encampment to be located at Lawrence, was read; and, on motion of the Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Chief Patriarch Ayers in the chair; when, after due deliberation, the Committee rose and reported in favor of granting a charter to the petitioners.

On motion to lay on the table, it was negatived. The question recurring on the granting the Charter, it was declared in the affirmative.

The Grand Scribe submitted the following question to the Grand Patriarch:

Are the officers clothed in proper regalia in wearing only the collar and jewel?

The Grand Patriarch decided it was necessary for each officer to appear in collar or sash, apron, and gloves, agreeably to the Digest.

A communication was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to wit:

I. O. O. F.

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#### R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., begun and held at the city of Baltimore on the 20th day of September, 1852, the following among other proceedings were had:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be raised, by election, to whom shall be referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to report such amendments thereto as they shall deem to be required by the Order.

*Resolved*, That the said committee have leave to sit during the recess, provided such session shall not exceed one week, and the same compensation shall be allowed per diem to the members of the committee as is now allowed to Grand Representatives.

*Resolved*, That the said committee be instructed to present their report on the first day of the next communication, with power to have two hundred copies of the same printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the report of the said committee do lie upon the table during the communication of 1853, and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1854.



**Resolved,** That a copy of the resolutions offered by Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., be forwarded to the State Grand Bodies at as early a day as possible after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, and that they be requested to submit to this R. W. Body at its next session, through their Representatives, such amendments or suggestions in reference to the constitution of this Grand Lodge as in their judgment may be necessary to accomplish the object in view.

Test,

**JAMES L. RIDGELY,**

*Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*

On motion of Grand Scribe, Grand Reps Ellison and Mullin, and Grand Patriarch Ayers, was appointed a Committee to examine the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and report to this Grand Encampment at its annual session.

On motion of Rep. Baker, the Grand Representatives proceeded to instruct the members of this Grand Encampment in the Work of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

On motion, at 12 o'clock, 30 minutes, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

**ALFRED MUDGE,**

*Grand Scribe.*

**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing Jan. 1, 1853.**

| C. P.                | H. P.             | S. W.             | J. W.             | Scribe.           | Treasurer.          |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 E. C. Deming,      | Collins Stephens, | John H. Pitman,   | Josh. H. Pitman,  | Mortimer Lyon,    | Rich'd M. Baker.    |
| 2 H. W. Swett,       | C. F. Classen,    | S. M. Colcord,    | Isaac Adams,      | Wm. A. Bell,      | Wm. H. Cook.        |
| 4 T. C. Trow,        | C. N. Carter,     | J. E. Farnsworth, | Thqmas Wilson,    | E. G. Richardson, | R. J. Garrett,      |
| 5 Wm. M. Howells,    | Wm. W. Peirce,    | Thos. B. Harris,  | Noah Butts,       | J. Carter Cutter. | J. A. D. Worcester. |
| 6 George Page,       | Daniel Hall,      | Zedekiah Sanger,  | R. P. Richardson, | Geo. H. Wheeler,  | Joseph Cleasby.     |
| 7 John A. Lovering,  | Nicholas Varina,  | John Bartlett,    | William Forbes,   | Philip K. Hills,  | Edward Burrill.     |
| 8 Jacob B. Hadley,   | Moses G. Thomas,  | John Fuller,      | Wanton T. Drew,   | J. W. Nickerson,  | Wm. Read.           |
| 11 Wm. H. Calrow,    | Jacob Jackson,    | E. A. Pettingill, | John Davis,       | Wm. S. Albertson, | George Butts.       |
| 12 Harvey H. Cloud,  | Belthez. Boegner, | Eliphalet Stone,  | Thos. W. Capen,   | Wm. Withington,   | Moses Gleason.      |
| 13 Samuel B. Foster, | Walter S. Harris, | James Kimball,    | J. W. Moulton,    | John W. Rhoades,  | Joseph Swasey.      |
| 14 C. H. Stephens,   | Joseph W. Puffer, | S. N. Staples,    | Artimas Briggs,   | Lawson Blood,     | Charles Foster.     |
| 15 Justin Thayer,    | Enos Parsons,     | W. A. Arnold,     | James Thompson,   | J. B. Augur,      | Charles Smith.      |
| 16 W. Summerhays,    | Allen Smith,      | Benjamin Field,   | Geo. W. Macy,     | James H. Barker,  | W. C. Dorman.       |
| 20                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |
| 21 H. H. Holmes,     | W. H. Murray,     | J. C. Parker,     | W. D. Axtell,     | George R. Groot,  | Richard Jones.      |
| 23 T. H. Carruth,    | George Blake,     | Wm. Bradbury,     | Wm. O. Wallis,    | Chas. Howard,     | R. Davidson.        |
| 24                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |
| 25 Harvey Danks,     | Sydney Ross,      | Nathan Nevers,    | Moses Lyman,      | Wm. Hankerson,    | John Hall.          |
| 26 Wm. Davenport,    | Geo. W. Stephens, | Job G. Dean,      | Anslem D. Hatch,  | H. N. Gunn,       | Edwin Shaw.         |
| 27                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |
| 28                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |
| 29                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending Dec. 31, 1852.**

| ENCAMPMENTS.          | Number. | Where Held.   | County.    | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended, and Cause. | Expulsions, and Cause. | Deaths. | No. degrees conferred. | Contributing members. | Amount of receipts. | Per centage due Grand Encampment. |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . . .      | 1       | Boston,       | Suffolk,   | 4          | 4        | ..        | 1                 | 1                  | 2           | 4                     | ..                     | ..      | 12                     | 151                   | \$222 00            | \$16 63                           |
| Tri-Mount, . . .      | 2       | do,           | do.        | 7          | 7        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | 2           | 5                     | ..                     | ..      | 21                     | 207                   | 400 82              | 23 93                             |
| Monomake, . . .       | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex, | ..         | ..       | ..        | 1                 | 2                  | 2           | 1                     | ..                     | 1       | ..                     | 66                    | 89 42               | 5 53                              |
| Bunker Hill, . . .    | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.        | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | 3                  | 3           | ..                    | ..                     | 1       | ..                     | 96                    | 105 69              | 7 20                              |
| Mt. Washington, . . . | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | 1                 | 1                  | 2           | 3                     | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 29                    | 33 00               | 2 67                              |
| Merrimack, . . .      | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,     | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | 2           | 7                     | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 44                    | 91 19               | 3 30                              |
| Annawan, . . .        | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,   | 2          | 2        | ..        | 1                 | 1                  | ..          | 1                     | ..                     | ..      | 6                      | 26                    | 53 00               | 5 55                              |
| Samoset, . . .        | 11      | East Boston,  | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 21                    | ..                  | 1 58                              |
| Shalom, . . .         | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | 1                  | 1           | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 20                    | 18 00               | 1 50                              |
| Naumkeag, . . .       | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,     | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 68                    | 103 45              | 5 10                              |
| Naomi, . . .          | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 45                    | 64 50               | 3 37                              |
| Mt. Holyoke, . . .    | 15      | Northampton,  | Hampshire, | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 6                     | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 36                    | ..                  | 2 70                              |
| Wanacknamack, . . .   | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket, | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 1                     | ..                     | 1       | 2                      | 33                    | 24 00               | 4 88                              |
| *Quinshepaug, . . .   | 20      | Milford,      | Worcester, | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | 9                      | 49                    | 108 51              | 7 28                              |
| Grey Lock, . . .      | 21      | Pittsfield,   | Berkshire, | 3          | 3        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 39                    | 33 50               | 2 92                              |
| Samaritan, . . .      | 23      | Chelsea,      | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | 1                  | 1           | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | ..                    | ..                  | ..                                |
| *Mt. Hebron, . . .    | 24      | Randolph,     | Norfolk,   | 1          | 1        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 3                     | 14 50               | 4 50                              |
| Agawam, . . .         | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,   | 3          | 3        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 1                     | ..                     | ..      | 3                      | 44                    | 14 50               | 4 50                              |
| Metacomet, . . .      | 26      | Fall River,   | Bristol,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 2                     | ..                     | ..      | 9                      | 46                    | 127 00              | 7 05                              |

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

| ENCAMPMENTS.    | Number. | Where held.  | County.     | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted<br>by Card. | Withdrawn<br>by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended<br>and cause. | Expelled<br>and cause. | No. degrees<br>conferred. | Contributing<br>members. | Amount of<br>receipts. | Pr.centage<br>due Grand<br>Encamp't. |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| *Green River, . | 27      | Greenfield,  | Franklin,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                     | ..                        | ..                       | ..                     | ..                                   |
| *Wells, . . .   | 28      | North Adams, | Berkshire,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                     | ..                        | ..                       | ..                     | ..                                   |
| *Iyanough, . .  | 29      | Barnstable,  | Barnstable, | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                     | ..                        | ..                       | ..                     | ..                                   |
|                 |         |              |             | 22 20 ..   | 4        | 9 6       | 31                   | 3                     | 62          | 1020                    | \$1488.58              | \$ 105 69                 |                          |                        |                                      |

\*No Return.



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OF THE

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OF THE

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OF THE

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On motion of Grand High Priest, the reading of the Records of last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted, and placed on file.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would submit the following Report on Returns, ending with June 30th, 1853 :

He has received Returns from Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 31, all of which are correct.

No. 6 was not received in season to exempt it from fine.

Nos. 11 and 24 have made no Returns, — fined.

No. 24 has made no Returns for four terms.

Nos. 19 and 20 have resigned their Charters since last Session.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read, accepted, and laid on the table.

*Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

Dr.

|              |                                                         |          |                |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| 1853—Feb. 1. | To balance on hand,                                     | -        | \$49 03        |
| Mar. 15.     | Cash rec'd of Lawrence Encampment, No. 31, Charter Fee, | 30 00    |                |
| Aug. 1.      | Cash received at sundry times for Dues, Cards, &c.,     | - 139 54 |                |
|              |                                                         |          | <hr/> \$218 57 |

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|               |                                        |           |                |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1853—Mar. 15. | Paid Inst. Lawrence, Encampment No 31, | - \$11 90 |                |
| Aug. 1.       | Expenses of Office 6 mos.,             | - 2 05    |                |
| " 1.          | Cash paid Grand Treasurer,             | - 165 00  |                |
| " 1.          | Balance to new account,                | - 39 62   |                |
|               |                                        |           | <hr/> \$218 57 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The indebtedness of Subordinate Encampments at this date, is as follows :

*Indebtedness of Encampments, Aug. 1st, 1853.*

| <i>Encampments.</i>    | <i>Fines.</i> | <i>Dues.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| No. 5, Bunker Hill,    |               | 9 67         | 9 67          |
| " 6, Mount Washington, | 10 00         | 11 81        | 21 81         |
| " 8, Annawan,          | 5 00          | 4 90         | 9 90          |
| " 11, Samoset,         | 10 00         | 3 16         | 13 16         |
| " 13, Nantucket,       |               | 15 22        | 15 22         |
| " 16, Wanackmamack,    |               | 10 43        | 10 43         |
| " 23, Samaritan,       |               | 6 15         | 6 15          |
| " 24, Mount Hebron,    | 20 00         | 12 15        | 32 15         |
| " 27, Green River,     |               | 3 92         | 3 92          |
| " 28, Wells,           |               | 7 70         | 7 70          |
| " 29, Iyanough,        | 5 00          | 9 52         | 14 52         |
| " 31, Lawrence,        |               | 14 63        | 14 63         |
|                        | 50 00         | 109 26       | 159 26        |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, which was read, accepted, and laid on the Table.

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit the following Report :

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1853—July 31. Cash on hand at last session, | \$ 34 25 |
| Cash received of Grand Scribe,              | 165 00   |
| Whole Amount,                               | 199 25   |
| Paid out as per vouchers, - - - -           | 88 28    |
| Leaving balance on hand, - - - -            | 110 97   |

Respectfully submitted,

J. NEWMARCH, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Financial Committee submitted their Annual Report, which was read and accepted.

### *Report of Finance Committee.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

*Boston, Aug. 3d, 1853.*

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report that they have examined the Books of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and find them correct.

|                                          |          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance in Grand Scribe's hands, Feb. 1, | \$ 49 03 |          |
| Received for the term from all sources,  | 169 54   |          |
|                                          | <hr/>    | 218 57   |
| By Cash, paid Expenses, - - - - -        | \$ 13 95 |          |
| " " " Grand Treasurer, - - - - -         | 165 00   |          |
| " " to Balance, - - - - -                | 39 62    |          |
|                                          | <hr/>    | \$218 57 |

#### *Grand Treasurer's Expenses.*

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash, Balance, Feb. 1, - - - - -   | \$ 34 25 |          |
| " " of Grand Scribe, - - - - -        | 165 00   |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$199 25 |
| Cr. by Cash, paid Expenses, - - - - - | \$ 88 28 |          |
| " " " to Balance, - - - - -           | 110 97   |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$199 25 |

#### *Amount due from Subordinates.*

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Fines, - - - - - | \$ 50 00 |          |
| Dues, - - - - -  | 116 44   |          |
|                  | <hr/>    | \$166 44 |

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. COOK, } Committee of  
W. P. BAKER, } Finance.

The Reports of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were taken from the table, and ordered to be spread upon the records.

On motion of Grand Scribe, it was

*Resolved*,—That all Representatives that have been returned on the Term Returns, be acknowledged as Representatives for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Representatives' Certificates, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, would report the following as correct, viz :

**MASSASOIT, No. 1.**—*P. G. P's* Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, Albert Guild, William Ellison, William H. Jones, John R. Mullin, David Ayers.—*P. C. P's* Louis Dennis, John Binney, Judson Murdock, A. B. Ely, Aram Youlen, George H. Foote, S. G. Tower, N. Y. Culbertson, J. M. Burgess, Nathaniel Briggs, Charles Hayden, W. L. Ring, Edmund C. Deming.—*P. H. P's* L. M. Smith, A. W. Pollard, Samuel Prince, Dexter Bowker, A. S. Ferguson, S. B. Krogman, S. F. Wilson, F. A. Kemp, Joseph Newmarch, Mortimer Lyon, E. W. Norris, D. W. Tarr, M. T. Durell, and Collins Stevens.

**TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.**—*P. G. P's* N. A. Thompson, William E. Parmenter.—*P. C. P's* Edward Tyler, George Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, William A. Bell, E. P. Dolbeare, Jr. Wm. M. Nassau, Robt. W. Hall, Wm. H. Cook, E. H. Tucker, Jr., A. B. Child, J. B. Cook, Elisha Pratt, T. J. Leland, Stephen Cain, Samuel French, 2d, Darius Forbes, J. S. Jones, J. P. Paine, Emerson Cooledge, and H. W. Swett.—*P. H. P's* Jos. B. Frost, Jr., G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereaux, Wm. P. Baker, Samuel Nicolson, Levi Wilkins, J. W. Barton, James Rice, H. D. Ward, T. J. Whittemore, R. Cummings, John P. Lovell, J. C. Chase, S. P. Knights, Robert Wharton, T. P. Jackson, and Charles F. Classen.

**MONOMAKE, No. 4.**—Not Represented.

**BUNKER HILL, No. 5.**—Not Represented.

**MOUNT WASHINGTON, No. 6.**—*P. C. P's* Brewster Reynolda, Charles D. Strong, Joseph Winsor, Jr., Charles H. Reed, David C. Simpson, Charles Sampson, Samuel Newmarch, Daniel Hall, George Page.—*P. H. P's* J. H. Graupner, Josiah A. Stearns, George H. Wheeler, Joseph Cleasby, Alvin Howard, Adams M. Holden, Caleb Thurston, Reuben Wheeler.

**MERIMACK, No. 7.**—*P. G. P's* Philip K. Hills,—*P. C. P's* Charles R. Sargent, B. F. Bartlett, Edward Burrill, Amos F. Jaques, J. Lovering, William Forbes, Albert Currier, John Bartlett, Samuel S. Blake, George W. Geary, Nicholas Varina.—*P. H. P's* Thomas H. Lord, William Bradstreet, John L. Knight, Thomas Pearson, Moses H. Sargent, J. L. Rundlett.

**ANNAWAN, No. 8.**—*P. C. P's* William H. Taylor, Timothy Ingraham, William L. Gerrish, George H. Taber, Moses G. Thomas, James S. Barney, J. W. Nickerson, Edward Stetson, James Taylor, John Fuller, J. B. Hadley, S. G. Driscoll, William Read.

**SAMOSSET, No. 11.**—Not Represented.

**SHALOM, No. 12.**—*P. C. P's* J. L. F. Huddleson, G. B. Davis, Joseph T. Byron, Wm. Withington, S. Stone, Thomas W. Capen, G.

**DODGE**, Harvey H. Cloud — *P. H. P's* Asa Wyman, Jr., N. W. Haley, Joseph Byron, Asa Wyman, Sen., M. Gleason, B. Boegner.

**NAUMKEAG**, No. 13.— Not Represented.

**NAOMI**, No. 14.— Not Represented.

**MOUNT HOLYOKE**, No. 16.— *P. G. P.* Samuel Wells.— *P. C. P's* A. H. Bullen, Lewis Bliss, James Morton, Enos Parsons, W. C. Prentiss, J. B. Augur, C. M. Alvord.— *P. H. P's* A. S. Peck, W. Herrick, J. L. Wells, James Thompson.

**WANACKMAMACK**, No. 16.— *P. C. P's* William Summerhays, George W. Macy.— *P. H. P's* Allen Smith, James H. Barker.

**GREY LOCK**, No. 21.— *P. C. P's* A. M. Granger, C. Gunn, Jesse Howard, J. Van Vecten, Jesse Morey, Job Rollins, Jr.— *P. H. P's* James H. Butler, George R. Groot, H. Groot, Richard Jones, B. A. Morey, J. L. Peck, W. H. Murray.

**SAMARITAN**, No. 23.— *P. C. P's* Frank B. Fay, John Low, E. W. Lothrop, Charles Howard, Robert Davidson, P. R. Merriam, Jr., George H. Rice, T. H. Carruth, Geo. W. Otis, Jr.— *P. H. P.* George Blake.

**AGAWAM**, No. 25.— *P. C. P's* James M. Thompson, Wm. Hankerson, Samuel Leonard, Ephraim Harris, Eliph. Trask, S. S. Holmes, Harvey Dinks, S. T. Averill.— *P. H. P's* John F. Comstock, George Smith, Moses Lyman, Orson Sweatland, John Hall, Sidney Ross, S. R. Crane, J. W. Crane.

**METACOMET**, No. 26.— *P. C. P's* Robert C. Brown, Henry Lyon.— *P. H. P.* Thomas Burch.

**GREEN RIVER**, No. 27.— *P. C. P.* John R. Briggs.

**WELLS**, No. 28.— Not Represented.

**IYANOUGH**, No. 29.— Not Represented.

**LAWRENCE**, No. 31.— *P. C. P's* Thomas Barr, Franklin Grant. *P. H. P.* John B. Atkinson.

On motion, it was

*Voled*,—That the nomination of Officers take place at 11 o'clock, and the election at 12 o'clock.

The Chair decided that P. C. P. Barnard Green, of the late Mt. Hebron Encampment, could not be instructed in this Grand Encampment, until he connects himself with some Subordinate, under this jurisdiction; also, that Elijah Lewis, 2d, of Iyanough Encampment, No. 29, could not be instructed, as there was no evidence presented on the Records, or otherwise, that he had passed the Chairs.

The Grand Encampment proceeded to admit and instruct eleven past officers.

On motion of Grand Scribe, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Grand High Priest instruct, in the Ante-Room, all those who present regular Certificates, throughout the day.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the Records.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**PATRIARCHS**,—We are once more convened in Annual Session, conformably to the Requirements of the Constitution, for the purpose of entering upon the discharge of those high duties which, as Representatives of the several Subordinate Encampments, devolve upon us. Let us enter upon the discharge of this important trust in the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, striving only to promote the best interests of our Order, and with a firm resolve that all our acts shall be so directed, as to insure that it shall share largely in that general prosperity which pervades every branch of industry and enterprise throughout our common country.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I can, from information gathered from the returns of Subordinates, say that this branch of our Order has made considerable progress during the last term. Wanackmamack Encampment, which for a long time has, owing to the absence of most of its members in California, been almost wholly inoperative, again gives the most convincing evidence of life; her members are again gathered together within her tent, after a long absence, and by entering anew the field of labor, have added twenty-two to their number during the last term, and from which fact it is conclusively shown that Odd Fellowship is dear to them still. Let us hope that the progress made by the several Encampments during the term just closed, is but a beginning in the good work; that henceforth the brethren throughout the State will labor diligently and unceasingly, in the great field of Odd Fellowship, to the end that our Order may enjoy the highest degree of prosperity, and to be able to fulfil to the utmost its holy and benevolent mission.

Lawrence Encampment, No. 31, was, on the 15th of March, instituted by the M. E. G. High Priest, assisted by a large number of members of the Gr. Encampment. The affairs of the Howard Encampment, No. 18, Mt. Hebron, No. 24, and Roulstone, No. 30, have been closed, and the Charters and Books deposited with the Grand Scribe. Quinshepaug No. 20, has closed up, and surrendered its Charter and Books.



Wells, No. 28, has, with the consent of the requisite number of its members and this Grand Encampment, removed from North to South Adams, in which location there is reason to hope that it will be prospered.

It will doubtless be gratifying to you, and the whole Order, to be assured that the financial affairs of this Grand Encampment are in a sound and prosperous condition, and that further legislation on this subject is not at this time required.

In retiring from this honorable post, which has been assigned to me by a generous brotherhood, please to accept my most sincere thanks, not only for the high honor conferred, but for the generous support and assistance so cheerfully rendered by associate officers and members of the Grand Encampment.

May our institution continue to be highly prospered, and each and all its members steadily maintain its lofty principles, in all the walks of life, knowing no strife, save that which aims to excel in all those graces and virtues which dignify and adorn the character of man.

Fraternally yours,

DAVID AYERS, *Grand Patriarch.*

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas, asking the co-operation of this R. W. Body in securing the adoption of certain resolutions relative to sick stranger-Brothers, presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States last Session, (see pr. Journal, p. 1497,) was read and referred to the Grand Representatives.

The Committee to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, made a verbal report, which was accepted, and the whole matter referred to the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Body.

A recess of ten minutes was had, in order to prepare ballots for candidates to the several Grand Offices.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers; a Committee of three were appointed to superintend the ballot, who announced the result to be as follows :

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

|                     |     |               |   |   |
|---------------------|-----|---------------|---|---|
| Robert C. Brown had | 31  | John Bartlett | - | 1 |
| Caleb Rand,         | - 5 | S B. Krogman, | - | 1 |
| A. B. Ely,          | - 2 | Wm. A. Bell,  | - | 1 |

Reps. Ely, Bartlett, Krogman and Bell declining, Reps. Brown and Rund were declared candidates for that office.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

|                  |    |              |   |   |
|------------------|----|--------------|---|---|
| Caleb Rand had   | 31 | T. Murdock,  | - | 1 |
| Robert C. Brown, | 5  | Wm. A. Bell, | - | 1 |
| C. B. Wood, -    | 1  |              |   |   |

Reps. Murdock and Bell declining, Reps. Rand, Brown, and Wood were declared candidates for that office.

## FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

|                  |    |                  |   |   |
|------------------|----|------------------|---|---|
| Joseph Byron had | 14 | John Bartlett,   | - | 1 |
| T. Ingraham      | 11 | Joseph Newmarch, | - | 1 |
| S. B. Krogman, - | 4  | Wm. H. Cook,     | - | 1 |
| Caleb Rand, -    | 1  |                  |   |   |

Reps. Ingraham and Krogman declining, all others were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

|                  |    |                  |   |   |
|------------------|----|------------------|---|---|
| Alfred Mudge had | 28 | Charles Classen, | - | 1 |
| Wm. Nassau, -    | 1  |                  |   |   |

All were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

|                     |    |              |   |    |
|---------------------|----|--------------|---|----|
| Joseph Newmarch had | 15 | Wm. H. Cook, | - | 15 |
| E. C. Deming, -     | 1  |              |   |    |

All were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

|                    |    |                 |   |   |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|---|---|
| Charles Hayden had | 13 | S. B. Krogman   | - | 1 |
| William H. Cook, - | 2  | A. F. Jaques, - | - | 1 |
| E. H. Tucker, -    | 2  | — Webster, -    | - | 1 |
| E. W. Norris, -    | 2  |                 |   |   |

Reps. Hayden, Cook, and Tucker were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

|                 |   |    |                  |   |    |
|-----------------|---|----|------------------|---|----|
| David Ayres had | - | 20 | William Ellison, | - | 16 |
| P. K. Hills, -  | - | 2  |                  |   |    |

All were declared Candidates.

Grand High Priest Bell offered the following resolutions.

*Resolved*,—That so much of the resolution as relates to balloting for officers at 12 o'clock, be reconsidered.

*Resolved*,—That we now proceed to election.

Grand Patriarch Ayres declined standing as a candidate for Grand Representative.

The Grand Encampment took a recess of five minutes, after which it proceeded to the Election of Officers; the Chair named the same Committee to superintend the ballot, who reported as follows:

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

|                        |   |   |   |    |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | - | -  | 38 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | - | -  | 19 |
| Robert C. Brown had    | - | - | - | 36 |    |
| Caleb Rand,            | - | - | - | 2  |    |

Rep. Robert C. Brown was declared elected.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

|                        |   |   |   |    |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | - | -  | 43 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | - | -  | 22 |
| Caleb Rand had         | - | - | - | 42 |    |
| Robert C. Brown,       | - | - | - | 1  |    |

Rep. Caleb Rand was declared elected.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

|                        |   |   |   |    |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | - | -  | 32 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | - | -  | 17 |
| Joseph Byron had       | - | - | - | 31 |    |
| John Bartlett,         | - | - | - | 1  |    |

Rep. Joseph Byron was declared elected.

#### FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

|                        |   |   |   |    |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | - | -  | 33 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | - | -  | 17 |
| Alfred Mudge had       | - | - | - | 32 |    |
| Charles Classen,       | - | - | - | 1  |    |

Grand Scribe A. Mudge was declared re-elected.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

|                        |   |   |   |   |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | - | - | 34 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| William H. Cook had    | - | - | - |   | 20 |
| Joseph Newmarch,       | - | - | - |   | 11 |
| E. C. Deming,          | - | - | - | - | 3  |

Rep. William H. Cook was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

|                        |   |   |   |   |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | - | - | 17 |
| Charles Hayden had     | - | - | - |   | 19 |
| E. W. Norris,          | - | - | - | - | 7  |
| William H. Cook,       | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| E. H. Tucker,          | - | - | - | - | 2  |

Rep. Charles Hayden was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

|                        |   |   |   |   |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | - | - | 37 |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|

Past Grand Patriarch William Ellison had that number, and was declared elected.

The following Grand Officers were then duly installed into their respective chairs, by Past Grand Patriarch Daniel Hersey.

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Robert C. Brown, | Grand Patriarch.     |
| Caleb Rand,      | Grand High Priest.   |
| Joseph Byron,    | Grand Senior Warden. |
| Alfred Mudge,    | Grand Scribe.        |
| William H. Cook, | Grand Treasurer.     |
| Charles Hayden,  | Grand Junior Warden. |

The Grand Patriarch appointed Rep. H. W. Swett, Grand Sentinel.

Rep. A. S. Furguson, Deputy Grand Sentinel.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Past Grand Patriarchs David Ayres and J. R. Mullin.

*Committee of Finance.*—Past Grand Patriarchs Wm. A. Bell, and J. R. Mullin, and Rep. Robert Wharton.

***Committee on Elections and Returns.***—Timothy Ingraham, Horatio N. Gunn, and Charles Classen.

On motion of Grand High Priest Nassau, Grand Representatives Mullin and Ellison proceeded to confer the Work of the Encampment Branch of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Summerhays, it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to the Past Officers, for the faithful manner in which they have performed the duties of their several offices the past year.

On motion, at 1 o'clock, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest:

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe*.

*D. D. Grand Patriarchs appointed August, 1853.*

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| Dist. | Encampment.       | No. | Place.        | D. D. G. Patriarchs. |
|-------|-------------------|-----|---------------|----------------------|
| 1     | Massasoit,        | 1,  | Boston,       | Enos H. Tucker.      |
| 2     | Tri-Mount,        | 2,  | "             | Charles Hayden.      |
| 3     | Monomake,         | 4,  | Lowell,       | Eliphalet Hills.     |
| 4     | Bunker Hill,      | 5,  | Charlestown,  | Caleb Rand.          |
| 5     | Mount Washington, | 6,  | South Boston, | Gr. Treasurer.       |
| 6     | Merrimack,        | 7,  | Newburyport,  | Philip K. Hills.     |
| 7     | Annawan,          | 8,  | New Bedford,  | J. W. Nickerson.     |
| 8     | Samoset,          | 11, | East Boston,  | George Butts.        |
| 9     | Shalom,           | 12, | Dorchester,   | John T. Byron.       |
| 10    | Naumkeag,         | 13, | Salem,        | James Kimball.       |
| 11    | Naomi,            | 14, | Taunton,      | Charles Foster.      |
| 12    | Mount Holyoke,    | 15, | Northampton,  | Samuel Wells.        |
| 13    | Wanackmamack,     | 16, | Nantucket,    | William Summerhays.  |
| 15    | Grey Lock,        | 21, | Pittsfield,   | J. S. Peck.          |
| 16    | Samaritan,        | 23, | Chelsea,      | Frank B. Fay.        |
| 18    | Agawam,           | 25, | Springfield,  | J. F. Comstock.      |
| 19    | Metacomet,        | 26, | Fall River,   | Grand Patriarch.     |
| 20    | Green River,      | 27, | Greenfield,   | W. Alvord.           |
| 21    | Wells,            | 28, | North Adams,  | S. W. Brayton.       |
| 22    | Iyanough,         | 29, | Barnstable,   | J. E. Baxter.        |

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1853.**

| ENCAMPMENTS.     | Number. | Where Held.   | County.    | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended, and cause. | Expelled, and cause. | Deaths. | No. degrees conferred. | Contributing members. | Amount of receipts. | Per centage due Grand Encampment. |
|------------------|---------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . . . | 1       | Boston, do.   | Suffolk,   | 3          | 3        | ..        | 1                 | 2                  | 3           | 4                     | ..                   | ..      | 8                      | 146                   | \$290 75            | \$15 05                           |
| Tri-Mount, . . . | 2       | do.           | do.        | 4          | 4        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | 4           | 1                     | ..                   | ..      | 12                     | 213                   | 630 02              | 20 78                             |
| Monomake, . . .  | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex, | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 25                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 36                    | 90 00               | 2 70                              |
| Bunker Hill, . . | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.        | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | 1       | 6                      | 97                    | 150 75              | 9 67                              |
| Mt. Washington,  | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 29                    | 40 00               | 2 17                              |
| Merimack, . . .  | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,     | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 43                    | 48 88               | 3 23                              |
| Annawan, . . .   | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 3                     | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 23                    | 13 50               | 1 73                              |
| *Samoset, . . .  | 11      | East Boston,  | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | ..                    | ..                  | ..                                |
| Shâlôm, . . .    | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,   | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 6                      | 21                    | 54 24               | 3 97                              |
| Naumkeag, . . .  | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,     | 8          | 8        | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 24                     | 75                    | 229 60              | 15 22                             |
| Naomi, . . .     | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | 1       | ..                     | 44                    | 13 75               | 3 30                              |
| Mt. Holyoke, . . | 15      | Northampton,  | Hampshire, | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 35                    | 59 50               | 2 63                              |
| Wanackmamack,    | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket, | 22         | 22       | ..        | ..                | 1                  | 2           | ..                    | ..                   | 1       | 70                     | 49                    | 2 64                | 30 00                             |
| Grey Lock, . . . | 21      | Pittsfield,   | Berkshire, | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 6                      | 51                    | 85 44               | 6 23                              |
| Samaritan, . . . | 23      | Chelsea,      | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 39                    | 55 00               | 2 92                              |
| Agawam, . . .    | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,   | 4          | 4        | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 12                     | 48                    | 70 00               | 8 90                              |
| Metacomet, . . . | 26      | Fall River,   | Bristol,   | 4          | 4        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 4                     | ..                   | ..      | 10                     | 46                    | 146 00              | 8 25                              |
| Green River, . . | 27      | Greenfield,   | Franklin,  | 6          | 6        | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ..          | 1                     | 1                    | 1       | 18                     | 51                    | 106 50              | 11 03                             |

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

| ENCAMPMENTS.  | Number. | Where held.  | County.     | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted<br>by Card. | Withdrawn<br>by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended,<br>and cause. | Expelled,<br>and cause. | Deaths. | No. degrees<br>conferred. | Contributing<br>members. | Amount of<br>receipts. | Per centage<br>due Grand<br>Encamp't. |
|---------------|---------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Wells, . . .  | 28      | South Adams, | Berkshire,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | ..                        | 27                       | \$ 11 53               | \$ 2 02                               |
| Iyanough, . . | 29      | Barnstable,  | Barnstable, | ..         | ..       | ..        | 1                    | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | ..                        | 25                       | 75 00                  | 1 87                                  |
| Lawrence, . . | 31      | Lawrence,    | Essex,      | 11 11      | ..       | ..        | 8                    | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | 33                        | 19                       | 143 25                 | 14 63                                 |
|               |         |              |             | 68 68      | 1        | 1         | 10                   | 11                    | 8           | 42                       | 1                       | 5       | 205                       | 1117                     | \$2316.35              | 166 30                                |

\* No Return.



**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing July 1, 1853.**

| °<br>Z. | C. P.             | H. P.              | S. W.            | J. W.             | Scribe.          | Treasurer.          |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1       | John H. Pitman,   | Joshua H. Pitman,  | E. G. Wallis,    | Chas. D. Cole,    | Mortimer Lyon,   | Rich'd M. Baker.    |
| 2       | Chas. Birchard,   | S. M. Colcord,     | G. N. Thompson,  | C. E. Buckingham, | Wm. A. Bell,     | Wm. H. Cook.        |
| 4       | Thos. Wilson,     | Oliver J. Conant,  | John Billings,   | Henry N. Moore,   | Joshua Merrill,  | R. J. Garrett.      |
| 5       | Thos. B. Harris,  | Noah Butts,        | Henry Lyon,      | G. E. Barstow,    | J. C. Cutter.    | J. A. D. Worcester. |
| 6       | Reuben Wheeler,   | R. P. Richardson,  | Daniel Hall,     | S. Newmarch,      | Geo. H. Wheeler, | Joseph Cleasby.     |
| 7       | Thos. Pearson,    | S. S. Blake,       | J. D. Rundlett,  | A. F. Jaques,     | P. K. Hills,     | Edward Burrill.     |
| 8       | S. A. Driscoll,   | James S. Barney,   | W. T. Drew,      | F. P. Chase,      | J. W. Nickerson, | Wm. Read.           |
| 11      | No return.        |                    |                  |                   |                  |                     |
| 12      | E. Stone,         | George Dodge,      | Edward S. Howe,  | R. Rhodes,        | Wm. Withington,  | Moses Gleason.      |
| 13      | Alva A. Evans,    | James Kimball,     | E. B. Phillips,  | S. Brown, 3d,     | John W. Rhoades, | Joseph Swasey.      |
| 14      | C. S. Stephens,   | Jos. W. Puffer,    | S. N. Staples,   | Artemas Briggs,   | Lawson Blood,    | Charles Foster.     |
| 15      | Wm. A. Arnold,    | J. Thompson,       | E. Parsons,      | W. C. Prentiss,   | G. B. Augur,     | Charles Smith.      |
| 16      | Geo. W. Macy,     | W. Summerhays,     | E. F. Easton,    | W. B. Starbuck,   | Wm. E. Chase,    | J. F. Robinson.     |
| 21      | J. C. Parker,     | M. Van Sickler,    | H. Cole,         | A. N. Allen,      | Geo. Marks,      | Richard Jones.      |
| 23      | Geo. H. Rice,     | P. R. Merriam, Jr. | Wm. O. Wallis,   | Geo. Blake,       | Chas. Howard,    | R. Davidson.        |
| 25      | Nathan Nevers,    | John Hall,         | D. S. McLane,    | Sam'l Leonard,    | Geo. Smith,      | J. T. Averill.      |
| 26      | Job G. Dean,      | A. S. Bullard,     | A. D. Hatch,     | P. O. Brightman,  | H. N. Gunn,      | Vernon Cook.        |
| 27      | Ed. Howland,      | A. G. Hammond,     | Philos Stratton, | D. Howland,       | Geo. D. Wells,   | Joel Wilson.        |
| 28      | J. W. Howland,    | E. M. Brown,       | Ira Richmond,    | E. H. Briggs,     | E. D. Foster,    | Daniel Lowe.        |
| 29      | Rufus S. Pope,    | Sylvester Baxter,  | C. M. Hinkley,   | Gorham Hallett,   | E. Lewis, 2d,    | J. A. Baxter.       |
| 31      | John B. Atkinson, | Thos. Scott,       | Joseph Norris,   | T. B. Wilson,     | A. Showell,      | Thos. Barr.         |

*Abstract from the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge  
of the U. States, for the year ending June 30, 1853.*

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Initiations, .....               | 92        |
| “ of Rejections, .....                     | 1         |
| “ Admitted by Card, .....                  | 14        |
| “ Withdrawn by Card, .....                 | 21        |
| “ Reinstated, .....                        | 15        |
| “ Suspended for non-payment of Dues, ..... | 68        |
| “ do do other causes, .....                | 12        |
| “ Expelled, .....                          | 0         |
| “ of Deaths, .....                         | 9         |
| “ of Past Chief Patriarchs, .....          | 206       |
| “ of Past High Priests, .....              | 171       |
| “ of Contributing Members, .....           | 2106      |
| Revenue, .....                             | \$4605.83 |

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RELIEF REPORT.

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Number of Patriarchs relieved, .....        | 64       |
| “ of widowed families relieved, .....       | 2        |
| “ of Patriarchs buried, .....               | 8        |
| Amount paid for relief of Patriarchs, ..... | \$989.43 |
| “ “ “ “ of widowed families, .....          | 38.00    |
| “ “ “ burying the dead, .....               | 130.00   |
| Total amount of relief, .....               | 1156.43  |



**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment**

**OF THE**

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,**

**OF THE**

**State of Massachusetts,**

**AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ODD FELLOW'S HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON,**

**FEBRUARY 1, 1854.**

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**SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.**  
**I. O. OF O. F.**

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ODD FELLOWS HALL, BOSTON, }  
*Wednesday, February 1, 9 o'clock, A. M.* }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, convened this day, being the regular Semi-Annual Session, when the following were present:

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ROBERT C. BROWN,</b> | <i>Grand Patriarch.</i> |
| <b>CALEB RAND,</b>      | <i>" High Priest.</i>   |
| <b>JOSEPH BYRON,</b>    | <i>" Senior Warden.</i> |
| <b>ALFRED MUDGE,</b>    | <i>" Scribe.</i>        |
| <b>CHARLES HAYDEN,</b>  | <i>" Junior Warden.</i> |
| <b>WM. H. COOK,</b>     | <i>" Treasurer.</i>     |

and a small Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. H. P. Wm. A. Bell, the reading of the Records of last Session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

P. G. P. Ayers was appointed to examine the Credentials of Representatives.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted, and laid on the table.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would submit the following Report on Returns, ending December 31st, 1853.

He has received Returns from Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 16, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, all of which are correct.

No. 15, error in standing of members.

Nos. 16, 23 and 28 were not received in season to exempt them from fines.

Nos. 11, 14 and 27 have made no Returns, — fined.

No. 11 has made no returns for two terms.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read, accepted, and laid on the table.

*Financial Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

|            |     |                                                                    |                |
|------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Dr.</b> |     |                                                                    |                |
| 1853—Aug.  | 1.  | Balance on hand,                                                   | \$39 62        |
| Feb.       | 1.  | Cash received for Dues, Cards, &c., at sundry times,               | 203 48         |
|            |     |                                                                    | <hr/> \$243 10 |
| <b>Cr.</b> |     |                                                                    |                |
| 1853—Sept. | 16. | Expenses paid to settle affairs of Quinshepaug Encampment, No. 20, | \$5 70         |
| 1854—Jan.  | 23. | For 300 Travelling Cards,                                          | 30 00          |
|            |     | " 100 Clearance,                                                   | 10 00          |
|            | 28. | Cash paid Treasurer,                                               | 150 00         |
|            | 31. | Expenses of Office 6 mos.,                                         | 1 74           |
|            | 31. | Balance to new account,                                            | 45 66          |
|            |     |                                                                    | <hr/> \$243 10 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Semi-Annual Report, which was read and accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

Boston, February 1st. 1854.

|                                              |          |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash Bal. of J. Newmarch, Past Treasurer, | \$110 97 |          |
| " " of A. Mudge, Grand Scribe,               | 150 00   |          |
|                                              | <hr/>    | \$260 97 |

*Contra, Credit.*

|                                  |   |          |          |
|----------------------------------|---|----------|----------|
| By Cash paid Grand Lodge, U. S., | - | \$100 00 |          |
| " " " A. Mudge, one term Salary, | - | 25 00    |          |
| " " " Tremont Lodge,             | - | 5 00     |          |
| " " " A. Mudge, (Bill Printing), | - | 31 73    |          |
| " " to Balance,                  | - | 99 24    |          |
|                                  |   | <hr/>    | \$260 97 |

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. COOK, Treasurer.

The Financial Committee submitted their Semi-Annual Report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the Records.

*Report of Finance Committee.*

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

Boston, February 1st, 1854.

The Committee of Finance have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully Report.

They have examined the Books and Papers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

The result of their investigation is as follows :

|                                                 |         |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Balance in hands of Grand Scribe, Aug. 3, 1853, | \$39 62 |          |
| Received during the term from all sources,      | 203 48  |          |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | \$243 10 |
| The G. Scribe has paid for contingent expenses, | 7 44    |          |
| " " " " Cards                                   | 40 00   |          |
| " " " to Grand Treasurer,                       | 150 00  |          |
| Balance on hand,                                | 45 66   |          |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | \$243 10 |
| The Grand Treasurer had on hand Aug. 3, 1852,   | 110 97  |          |
| " " " received from Grand Scribe,               | 150 00  |          |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | \$260 97 |
| " " " has paid for current Exp's,               | 61 73   |          |
| " " " " G. Encampment, U. S.,                   | 100 00  |          |
| Balance on hand,                                | 99 24   |          |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | \$260 97 |



*Amount due from Subordinates.*

|            |   |   |   |   |         |         |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---------|---------|
| For Dues,  | - | - | - | - | \$32 59 |         |
| For Fines, | - | - | - | - | 55 00   |         |
|            |   |   |   |   |         | \$87 58 |

*The present Assets are as follows:*

|                                          |   |   |         |          |
|------------------------------------------|---|---|---------|----------|
| Cash in the hands of Grand Scribe,       | - | - | \$45 66 |          |
| " " " Grand Treasurer,                   | - | - | 99 24   |          |
| Due Grand Encampment for Dues and Fines, |   |   | 87 58   |          |
|                                          |   |   |         | \$232 46 |

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. BELL, } Committee  
 JOHN R. MULLIN, } of  
 ROB'T WHARTON, } Finance.

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Mullin, the Financial Reports of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer were severally taken from the table, and ordered to be spread upon the records.

The Committee on additional Representatives' Certificates, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, would report the following as correct:

MASSASOIT, No. 1.—P. C. P John H. Pitman.—P. H. P. Joshua H. Pitman.

SHALOM, No. 12.—P. H. P., B. Boegner.

GREY LOCK, No. 21.—P. C. P., H. H. Holmes.—P. H. P., W. H. Murray.

LYANOUGH, No. 29.—P. H. P's Elijah Lewis, 2d.—O. M. Hinckley.

Who were admitted and instructed.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and referred to Reps. Ellison, Mullin and Webster, for the purpose of nominating suitable committees on such portions of it as it is deemed advisable to bring before this Grand Body.

## Grand Patriarch's Communication.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**PATRIARCHS,**—We have assembled, agreeable to the requirements of our Constitution, in Semi-Annual Session, and it is made the duty of the G. Patriarch, at this time, to present to you such information, as he may possess, in regard to the "state of the Order."

It is generally understood, I presume, that the G. P. should obtain that information through his deputies, as it is made a part of their duties, at the close of each term, to report to the G. P. upon the general state of the Order in their jurisdiction. But, I regret to say, that the law has not been complied with, so generally, as it should have been. I have received but eight reports from twenty deputies, leaving twelve delinquents. Allow me to say in this connection, that if we wish, or expect to revive this branch of the Order, and place it upon a firm basis, we must reform in this particular. The officers, Grand and Subordinate, should be prompt in the discharge of every duty. If all would do their *duty*, what a vast amount of labor would be saved to the Grand officers, and indeed, to all officers upon whom responsibility rests, or all who feel that responsibility, and if officers fail in their duties, how easy a matter it is for other members to find good reasons for not performing theirs.

From District No. 1, Deputy E. H. Tucker, Jr., We have assurance that "Massasoit Encampment is in a prosperous condition, and that this Encampment, in connection with Tri-Mount Encampment, and some of the subordinate lodges, have leased, fitted and dedicated a spacious hall, by name of Odd Fellow's Hall, where the encampment branch of the Order will be better accommodated than it has been since the loss of Oasis Hall."

Deputy Hayden of District No. 2. says, "The Encampment Branch of the Order, in my jurisdiction, is in a prosperous condition," they being connected with the Massasoit Encampment, in the arrangement of this hall indicates their prosperity.

Deputy Hills, of No. 3. says, That Monomake Encampment, though small in numbers, we are strong in the support of this Branch of our Order, and that they are about having some addition of those who are true Odd Fellows, let us have such only and we need not fear.

Our Grand High Priest, who has had charge of District No. 4, says, I installed the officers of Bunker Hill Encampment on the 4th inst., about twenty members present. This Encampment he says, has always ranked among the first in the State; but is now suffering like many others, for want of sufficient interest among its members, to attend its meetings. The lack of *work* is probably the main cause of it.

Our Grand Treasurer Cook, from No. 5, informs us that he visited Mount Washington Encampment in December, and they could hardly raise a quorum, and was informed that they had not received a member for about five years. That evening, however, they had six propositions. Visited them again on the second Monday in January, with a large delegation, and installed their officers, and at this meeting, they had two more propositions. You will observe, therefore, that

there has been no lack of work at Mount Washington for the month of January. Brother Cook says, they have now taken a start, it is hoped that they will continue to improve.

Deputy J. T. Byron, informs us that Shâlôm Encampment is in as prosperous condition as it ever has been, and their report shows, that for the last term, they have performed as much work as any other Encampment.

Patriarch Summerhays, Deputy for District No. 13, says, that Wanackmamack Encampment is in good condition, and good feeling and harmony is the order of the day.

Deputy F. B. Fay, for No. 16, says, that in Samaritan Encampment there is a want of interest and vitality. Yet there is no neglect of duty on their part, and can only wish that there was more vigor and active life to make the sessions interesting. He also says, that a union of this Branch of the Order, with the subordinate branch, would be received with favor in his district.

In the absence of particular Reports from the remaining districts, I can only make such suggestions as my present limited information will warrant.

You will learn from the Report of your Grand Scribe, which he has submitted to you, that the number of Initiates for the last term, have been less than the preceeding term, and as this is one of the outward indications of the prosperity of the Order, would it now be well, in connection with the Reports of the District Deputies, for us to inquire into the cause of this general want of vitality, of vigor, and if there is any defect in our general laws or usages, to apply the proper corrective amendment.

A few of the officers and members, perhaps, meet night after night in the Lodge Room, often without a quorum, and no business before them. Is it strange that those few, after a short time, should lose their interest, and finally discontinue their visits?

There is, at the present time, very little interest, evidently, in the Subordinate Encampments where there is no work, and it is work that gives strength and vigor to the *frams*. Let us have work then, either with or without new Initiates.

I would suggest whether a change in the duties of Chief Patriarch, so as to require of him, on every evening when the Encampment is opened, and in the absence of other regular business, to rehearse, or cause to be rehearsed, not less than one degree of the work. Such a course would have the best effect in preparing the officers to perform their several parts, and certainly would be instructive to all visitors, and if it was generally understood by the members, that the evening would be spent in such a manner, the average attendance would be much larger.

I would also suggest the propriety of a change in the Constitution, for Subordinates, Article 2d, Section 1st, Clause 1st, by reducing the admission fee to about one half its present sum, or by leaving it optional with the Subordinates to adopt such a sum as they, in their judgment may think best. Not less, however, than one half the present amount. By an amendment of this kind, each Encampment

could accommodate itself to the circumstances with which it is surrounded. Many of the encampments would, undoubtedly, prefer the present amount, while others would see that their prosperity would be advanced by the change, always, of course, restricting the receiving of members to the district in which the Encampment is located.

From the fact that quite a number of the Encampments have abolished the principle of weekly benefits, and reduced their term dues, it would seem proper that the admission fee should be reduced also, and if the Grand Encampment should think it best to place this power in the hands of the subordinates, I think the best results would follow. It would create a new interest in this branch of our Order, and serve to disseminate wider our principles, which would tend to soften the prejudices and smooth the asperities of life. There is no change desired in the revenue of the Grand Encampment. The ways and means are sufficient for the present, and although this department is taxed largely, yet we are not taxed to the extent that some of the Grand Encampments in the United States find it necessary to tax their Subordinates, if that is any satisfaction to us.

There is one other subject to which I would call your attention.

The Encampments which are in arrears to the Grand Encampment, and have thereby forfeited their Charters, should be promptly called to account. I have particular reference to Samoset, No. 11, they have made no returns for two terms, and if they have failed in *their* duties, the Grand Encampment should not fail to perform *its* duties, and as great patience has already been exercised, and as, in the language of another, dead bodies unburied, serve only to injure the living, I would recommend that proper steps should be taken to bury the dead and administer upon their effects.

These matters I would now leave in your hands, trusting that you will make such alterations in your laws, and such only, as will best advance the interests of the Order and help it forward in its mission on the earth in the establishment of the principles of Charity and Brotherly Love.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT C. BROWN, *Grand Patriarch.*

**The Report of Grand Scribe on Returns, was taken from the table, and a Committee of three was appointed to visit Encampment No. 11, and ascertain the condition of said Encampment and report to the Board of Grand Officers what action, if any, is necessary. Krogman, Wharton and Webster.**

**On motion of Grand Scribe, it was.**

**Resolved,—That the Grand High Priest instruct in the Ante-Room, all those who present regular Certificates, throughout the day.**

**P. C. P. Dean and P. H. P. Birch, of Metacomet, No. 26, appeared in the Ante-Room for instruction, without their**

credentials. The Scribe of that Encampment being present, vouched for said Brethren, and on motion it was

*Voted*,—That said Patriarchs be instructed in the work, but not admitted as Representatives.

The Committee to whom was referred the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following Report which was accepted and Recommendation adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.*

The Committee appointed to Examine and Report upon the Semi-Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, have examined the same and would respectfully ask leave to Report,

That the recommendation of the Grand P., requiring Subordinate Encampments to rehearse the work of the Order at every Session, in the absence of regular Candidates, is worthy of consideration, and is, at the present, to some extent, practised occasionally.

With regard to the recommendation to alter the Constitution for Subordinates, so as to allow each Encampment to require such an amount for admission fee as they may deem expedient, your Committee believe that the present rate of interest, in the details of our organization, does not arise from a decrease in our numerical strength, but from a lack of interest on the part of those who are already contributing members.

With regard to the recommendation to execute the law upon delinquent Encampments, we would recommend that the Board of Grand Officers be authorised to examine and enquire into the condition of these delinquents, and to reclaim their Charters if they deem it expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLISON,  
J. R. MULLIN,  
EDW'D C. WEBSTER.

The Grand Scribe presented the following amendments to the Constitution of Subordinates.

Amend Article II, Clause 1st, by striking out the word "twelve," and insert the word "six," making the initiation of members one half the former price.

On motion of P. H. P. Bell, the Amendment was laid upon the table.

On motion of P. G. P. Ayers, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Scribe be directed to notify the Subordinates, and request each Body to take action upon the above proposed amendment and forward to this Grand Body,

On Motion of Rep. Gunn, it was

*Resolved*,—That each Subordinate be required to make return of the number of meetings held, with and without a quorum,—number of members in arrears over one year,—and total amount of arrears,—and total amount of funds on hand, at the August Session.

Grand Representatives Ellison and Mullin, proceeded to instruct the members of this Grand Encampment in the work of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

On motion of Grand Representative Ellison, it was

*Resolved*,—That the affairs of the late Mount Hebron Encampment be referred to the Board of Grand Officers with full powers.

On motion at 1 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending Dec. 31, 1853.**

| ENCAMPMENTS.          | Number. | Where Held.   | County.    | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended, and cause. | Expelled, and cause. | Deaths. | No. degrees conferred. | Contributing members. | Amount of receipts. | Per centage due Grand Encampment. |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . . .      | 1       | Boston,       | Suffolk,   | 2          | 3        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 2                     | ..                   | ..      | 7                      | 146                   | \$209 37            | \$13 35                           |
| Tri-Mount, . . .      | 2       | do.           | do.        | ..         | ..       | ..        | 4                 | 4                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 213                   | 535 16              | 19 97                             |
| Monomake, . . .       | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex, | ..         | ..       | ..        | 1                 | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 37                    | 89 00               | 3 37                              |
| Bunker Hill, . . .    | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.        | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 5                     | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 91                    | .. 83               | 6 82                              |
| Mt. Washington, . . . | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 27                    | 71 00               | 2 02                              |
| Merrimack, . . .      | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,     | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 1                     | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 40                    | 41 39               | 3 00                              |
| Annawan, . . .        | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,   | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 1                     | ..                   | ..      | 6                      | 24                    | 28 00               | 4 13                              |
| *Samoset, . . .       | 11      | East Boston,  | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 21                    | ..                  | ..                                |
| Shalôm, . . .         | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,   | 5          | 5        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 1                     | ..                   | ..      | 15                     | 25                    | 97 25               | 7 87                              |
| Naumkeag, . . .       | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,     | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 4                     | ..                   | ..      | 1                      | 70                    | 78 70               | 5 25                              |
| *Naomi, . . .         | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 35                    | ..                  | ..                                |
| Mt. Holyoke, . . .    | 15      | Northampton,  | Hampshire, | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | 1           | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 6                      | 38                    | 79 00               | 6 65                              |
| Wanackmameak, . . .   | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket, | 3          | 3        | ..        | ..                | 2                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 9                      | 50                    | 81 00               | 7 35                              |
| Grey Lock, . . .      | 21      | Pittsfield,   | Berkshire, | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 6                      | 52                    | 64 70               | 6 30                              |
| Samaritan, . . .      | 23      | Chelsea,      | Suffolk,   | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 39                    | 22 00               | 2 92                              |
| Agawam, . . .         | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,   | 1          | 1        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | 10                    | ..                   | ..      | 3                      | 36                    | 56 83               | 3 90                              |
| Metacomet, . . .      | 26      | Fall River,   | Bristol,   | ..         | 1        | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 2                      | 46                    | 70 26               | 3 45                              |
| *Green River, . . .   | 27      | Greenfield,   | Franklin,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | ..                     | 22                    | ..                  | ..                                |

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, (Continued.)

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|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wells, . . .    | 28 North Adams, | Berkshire,  | 6          | 6        | ..        | ..                | 2                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 18                     | 31                    | \$ 72 00            | \$ 9 58                           |
| Iyanough, . . . | 29 Barnstable,  | Barnstable, | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | 1       | ..                     | 24                    | ..                  | 1 86                              |
| Lawrence, . . . | 31 Lawrence,    | Essex,      | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ..          | ..                    | ..                   | ..      | 6                      | 20                    | 56 79               | 3 90                              |
|                 |                 |             | 25         | 27       | 0         | 5                 | 13                 | 1           | 24                    | 0                    | 2       | 78                     | 1087                  | \$1653 28           | 111 64                            |

\* No Return.



**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing Jan. 1, 1864.**

| C. P.                | H. P.              | S. W.             | J. W.              | Scribe.           | Treasurer.          |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 E. G. Wallis,      | Chas. D. Cole,     | J. W. Newcomb,    | William Clark,     | Mortimer Lyon,    | Rich'd M. Baker.    |
| 2 C. E. Buckingham,  | Leo. Metcalf,      | Jos. E. Billings, | Thos. C. Porter,   | Wm. A. Bell,      | Wm. H. Cook.        |
| 4 Oliver J. Conant,  | Jona. A. Denton,   | A. S. Eaton,      | Abner Frost,       | E. B. Richardson, | R. J. Garrett.      |
| 5 Henry Lyons,       | G. O. Barstow,     | Thos. Greenleaf,  | B. Brintnall, Jr., | J. C. Cutter,     | J. A. D. Worcester. |
| 6 S. Newinarch,      | Zed. E. Sanger,    | Jos. Winsor, Jr., | Reuben Wheeler,    | Geo. H. Wheeler,  | Joseph Cleasby.     |
| 7 J. D. Rundlett,    | John Bartlett,     | S. S. Blake,      | A. J. Jaques,      | P. K. Hills,      | Edward Burrill.     |
| 8 W. J. Drew,        | James Taylor,      | F. P. Chase,      | Zeno Kelley,       | J. W. Nickerson,  | J. B. Hadley.       |
| 11 <i>No return.</i> |                    |                   |                    |                   |                     |
| 12 Edwd. S. Howe,    | R. Rhodes,         | S. B. Hildreth,   | Jno. W. Porter,    | I. W. Follansbee, | Stillman Stone.     |
| 13 E. B. Phillips,   | Saml. B. Foster,   | Isaac Young,      | G. W. Severance,   | John W. Rhoades,  | James Swasey.       |
| 14 <i>No return.</i> |                    |                   |                    |                   |                     |
| 15 Justin Thayer,    | James Thompson,    | Geo. F. Wright,   | W. C. Prentiss,    | J. B. Augur,      | Charles Smith.      |
| 16 Benj. Field,      | Wm. B. Starbuck,   | Geo. Harris,      | Wm. E. Chase,      | Jas. Thompson,    | Joshua Parker.      |
| 21 A. N. Allen,      | Job Robbins, Jr.,  | F. F. Read,       | Henry Groot,       | H. H. Holmes,     | P. Jones.           |
| 23 Wm. O. Wallis,    | Geo. W. Otis, Jr., | Wm. Jackson,      | E. W. Lathrop,     | Chas. Howard,     | R. Davidson.        |
| 25 H. F. Gardner,    | G. W. Wilson,      | L. A. Hanson,     | Sidney Ross,       | Adam Walker,      | S. T. Averill.      |
| 26 A. D. Hatch,      | James Ford, 2d,    | P. O. Brightman,  | Jno. E. Goward,    | H. A. Gunn,       | Vernon Cook.        |
| 27 <i>No return.</i> |                    |                   |                    |                   |                     |
| 28 E. M. Brown,      | G. E. Oatnrad,     | C. Richmond,      | F. A. Bellows,     | E. D. Foster,     | Wm. R. Lane.        |
| 29 O. M. Hinkley,    | Wash. Farris,      | Gorham Hallett,   | Chas. Lewis,       | E. Lewis, 2d,     | J. A. Baxter.       |
| 31 Thos. Scott,      | T. B. Wilson,      | Timothy Smith,    | J. T. Loring,      | Horace Manley,    | John Beetle.        |

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

**State of Massachusetts,**

AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, IN THE  
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# ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## R.W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, I. O. OF O. F.

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ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BOSTON, }  
Wednesday, August 2, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| ROBERT C. BROWN, | <i>Grand Patriarch.</i> |
| CALEB RAND,      | " <i>High Priest.</i>   |
| JOSEPH BYRON,    | " <i>Senior Warden.</i> |
| ALFRED MUDGE,    | " <i>Scribe.</i>        |
| WILLIAM H. COOK, | " <i>Treasurer.</i>     |
| CHARLES HAYDEN,  | " <i>Junior Warden.</i> |

and a due Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. H. P. William A. Bell, the reading of the Records of last session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

On motion of Rep. Mullin, the hour of ten was assigned for the admission of new members.

The Committee appointed to "ascertain the condition of Encampment No. 11," reported in part and further time was granted.

The following document, from the Grand Lodge of the United States, was read and ordered to be printed—(the Grand Patriarch having previously sent a circular to Subordinates upon this subject.)

I. O. O. F.

[Seal.] OFFICE, CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,  
R. W. GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES.

*Baltimore, December 1, 1853.*

*Dear Sir and Brother.*—In obedience to the order contained in the third resolution of the annexed series, adopted at the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I herewith transmit, through you, to the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts a certified copy of the same.

Faternally yours, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

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I. O. O. F.

[Seal.] R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

At the regular Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held at the city of Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1853, the following, among other Proceedings, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That upon the issuing of a visiting card, by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, the Secretary or Scribe thereof shall endorse upon it, the amount of weekly and funeral benefits allowed by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment, and that it shall be bound for any relief extended to a brother holding such a card, to the extent of the benefits so rendered.

*Resolved*, That where a Subordinate Lodge, Encampment, or General Relief Committee is applied to for relief by a brother holding a card, such Lodge, Encampment, or General Relief Committee, shall require the certificate of a respectable physician, showing the time that the brother has been sick, and shall take a draft upon his Lodge or Encampment, for whatever amount he may have received, which, with the certificate, shall be forwarded for payment ; *provided*, that in the event of the death of a brother, and his being buried by a Lodge, Encampment, or General Relief Committee, it shall only be necessary to forward the physician's certificate, or that of some other respectable

citizen, together with his card, and a proper voucher for the amount so advanced. Payment of the same shall, in all cases, be promptly made.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to transmit to the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, as early as practicable after the adjournment of the present session, a copy of the foregoing Resolutions.

*Form of Certificate referred to in the foregoing report, viz :*

This certifies, that the Constitution and By-laws of the within named Lodge allows for weekly benefits the sum of.....dollars per week, and for funeral benefits the sum of.....dollars, and that brother .....is entitled to the said benefits from the date of the within card, until the expiration of the same.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

The following amendment to Constitution of Subordinates was taken up :

Amend Article II, Clause 1st, by striking out the word "twelve," and insert the word "six," making the initiation of members one-half the former price.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be directed to notify the Subordinates, and request each Body to take action upon the above proposed amendment, and forward to this Grand Body.

The Resolution accompanying the amendment, was answered in the *affirmative* by Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8, 25, 26; in the *negative* by Encampment No. 7; Nos. 4, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 27, 29 and 31 neglecting to answer. The amendment was debated and, on motion, laid on the table.

On the following Resolution, offered by Rep. Gunn at the last session, to wit :

*Resolved*, That each Subordinate be required to make return of the number of meetings held, with and without a quorum; number of members in arrears over one year, and total amount of arrears, and total amount of funds on hand, at the August session.

Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 15, 16, 25, 26 and 31, submitted a return in accordance with the Resolution; Encampments Nos 4, 6, 12, 13, 14, 21, 23, 27 and 29, being delinquent. On motion, to place the reports on file, it was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Ayres from the Committee on Representatives' Certificates, submitted the following Report, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Certificates of Representatives, would report the following as correct, viz :

**MASSASOIT, No. 1.**—*P. G. P's* Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, Albert Guild, William Ellison, William H. Jones, John R. Mullin, David Ayres. *P. C. P's* Louis Dennis, John Binney, Judson Murdock, A. B. Ely, Aram Youlen, George H. Foote, S. G. Tower, N. Y. Culbertson, J. M. Burgess, Nathaniel Briggs, Charles Hayden, W. L. Ring, E. C. Deming, John H. Pitman, and Elbridge G. Wallis. *P. H. P's* L. M. Smith, A. W. Pollard, Samuel Prince, Dexter Bowker, A. S. Ferguson, S. B. Krogman, S. F. Wilson, F. A. Kemp, Jos. Newmarch, Mortimer Lyon, E. W. Norris, D. W. Tarr, M. T. Durell, Collins Stevens, Joshua H. Pitman, and Charles D. Cole.

**TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.**—*P. G. P's* Newell A. Thompson, William E. Parmenter. *P. C. P's* Edward Tyler, George Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, Wm. A. Bell, E. P. Dolbeare, jr., Wm. M. Nassau, Robert W. Hall, Wm. H. Cook, E. H. Tucker, jr., A. B. Child, J. B. Cook, Elisha Pratt, T. J. Leland, Stephen Cain, Samuel French, 2d, Darius Forbes, J. S. Jones, J. P. Paine, Emerson Cooledge, H. W. Swett, Charles Birchard, C. E. Buckingham. *P. H. P's* Joseph B. Frost, jr., G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereaux, William P. Baker, Samuel Nicolson, Levi Wilkins, J. W. Barton, James Rice, H. D. Ward, T. J. Whittemore, R. Cummings, John P. Lovell, J. C. Chase, S. P. Knights, Robert Wharton, Charles F. Classen, Edwin Brown, S. M. Colcord, E. M. P. Wells, Elias Whitney, L. Metcalf.

**MONOMAKE, No. 4.**—*P. G. P.* Ithamar W. Beard. *P. C. P's* E. Hills, Geo. Fairgreaves, G. T. Butterfield, R. J. Garrett, T. C. Trow, Oliver J. Conant. *P. H. P's* N. B. Favor, Joshua Morrill, H. N. Moore, E. G. Richardson, John A. Denton.

**BUNKER HILL, No. 5.**—*P. C. P's* Isaac C. Cushing, Isaac Cook, William Caban, Nahum Chapin, Robert B. Edes, jr., Samuel Palmer, W. W. Peirce, Caleb Rand, Ashbell Waitt, J. A. D. Worcester, Henry Conn, H. B. Bramin, Charles Sanderson, N. P. Brooks, Henry Lyon. *P. H. P's* J. C. Cutter, A. H. Cole, George Fuller, Francis Simonds, Gardner R. Welch, D. W. Sargent, T. B. Richards, Hiram Whitney, Daniel Johnson, Warren Tapley, George W. Barstow, Noah Butts, A. W. Crowninshield, W. Howell, Edward Harding, T. B. Harris, Samuel Woodbridge, Edward Ward.

**MOUNT WASHINGTON, No. 6.**—*P. C. P's* Charles D. Strong, Jos. Winsor, jr., Charles H. Reed, David C. Simpson, Samuel Newmarch, Daniel Hall, George Page, Reuben Wheeler. *P. H. P's* J. H. Graupner, Josiah A. Stearns, George H. Wheeler, Joseph Cleasby, Alvin Howard, Adams M. Holden, Caleb Thurston, R. P. Richardson.

**MERRIMACK, No. 7.**—*P. G. P.* Philip K. Hills. *P. C. P's* George Emery, Eben. S. Stearns, J. W. Sargent, Jona. Lovering, B. F. Bartlett, Edward Burrill, Amos F. Jacques, Charles R. Sargeant, Wm. Forbes, Thomas Pearson, Albert Currier, John Bartlett, Samuel S. Blake, Nicholas Varina. *P. H. P's* Thomas H. Lord, George R. Dodge, William Bradstreet, John L. Knight, Jonathan D. Rundlett, Moses H. Sargent.

**ANNAWAN, No. 8.**—*None reported.*

**SHALOM, No. 12.**—*P. C. P's* J. L. F. Huddleston, G. P. Davis, J. T. Byron, William Withington, Stillman Stone, T. W. Capen, Geo. Dodge, H. H. Cloud, Elphalet Stone, E. P. Howe. *P. H. P's* Asa Wyman, Asa Wyman, jr., N. H. Haley, Joseph Byron, Moses Gleason, B. Boegner, R. Rhodes.

**NAUMKEAG, No. 13.**—*P. C. P's* William Archer, jr., Samuel B. Foster, John C. Howard, Walter S. Harris, J. Kimball, Jonathan Perley, jr., J. M. Decker, Joseph Farnham, jr., John White, Robert P. Clough, James H. Conrey, Edward C. Webster, Alvah A. Evans.—*P. H. P's* Israel D. Shepard, William Saunders, Simeon Flint, J. W. Rhodes, Enoch K. Noyes, George H. Pierson, Joshua W. Moulton, Thomas Oakes, Richard G. Goff, Edward D. Phillips.

**NAOMI, No. 14.**—*P. C. P.* Jas. M. Cook. *P. H. P.* Chas. Foster.

**MT. HOLYOKE, No. 15.**—*P. G. P.* Samuel Wells. *P. C. P's* A. H. Bullen, Lewis Bliss, Enos Parsons, W. E. Prentiss, J. B. Auger, C. M. Alvord, W. A. Arnold. *P. H. P's* A. S. Peck, W. Herrick, J. L. Wells, J. Thompson, James Morton.

**WANACKMAMACK, No. 16.**—*P. C. P's* James H. Parker, William Summerheys. *P. H. P's* Allen Smith, George W. Macy.

**GREY LOCK, No. 21.**—*P. C. P.* Job Robbins, jr. *P. H. P.* B. A. Morey.

**SAMARITAN, No. 23.**—*None reported.*

**AGAWAM, No. 25.**—*P. C. P's* J. M. Thompson, Wm. Hankerman, Eliph. Trask, H. F. Gardner, Samuel Leonard, Harvey Danks, C. W. Kimball, George Hinsdale, S. S. Holmes, S. T. Averill. *P. H. P's* G. W. Wilson, Geo. Smith, Orson Sweatland, John Hall, J. W. Crane, M. Lyman, S. Ross, S. R. Crane.

**METACOMET, No. 26.**—*P. C. P.* H. N. Gunn.

**GREEN RIVER, No. 27.**—*P. C. P.* E. Howland.

**LYANOUGH, No. 29.**—*None reported.*

**LAWRENCE, No. 31.**—*P. C. P's* Franklin Grant, J. B. Atkinson, Thomas Barr, Thomas Scott. *P. H. P.* Thomas B. Wilson.

On motion of the Grand Scribe, the Grand Encampment proceeded to instruct the candidates in waiting, when the following members received the Grand Encampment Degree.



MASSASOIT, No. 1.—*P. C. P.* Elbridge G. Wallis. *P. H. P.* Chas. D. Cole.

TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.—*P. C. P.* Charles E. Buckingham.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, No. 6.—*P. C. P.* R. P. Richardson.

SHALOM, No. 12.—*P. C. P.* E. S. Howe. *P. H. P.*'s Robt. Rhodes, H. H. Cloud.

NAUMKEAG, No. 18.—*P. C. P.* J. Farnum, jr. *P. H. P.* E. B. Phillips

GREY LOCK, No. 21.—*P. H. P.*'s B. A. Morey, Job Robbins, jr.

GREEN RIVER, No. 27.—*P. C. P.* Edward Howland.

LAWRENCE, No. 31.—*P. C. P.* Thomas Scott. *P. H. P.* Thomas B. Wilson.

On motion of Rep. Webster, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest instruct such candidates who present legal certificates throughout the day.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and, on motion, ordered to be spread upon the records.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

**PATRIARCHS.**—We are assembled in annual session, in accordance with our Constitution, to take into consideration such subjects, and to adopt such measures as may best promote the good of the Order, and for its advancement in charity and brotherly love.

I regret that the account we have to render of the work of the term, as a whole, does not show a larger increase of membership; although there has been a large increase of members, this has been nearly counterbalanced by withdrawals, suspensions, and deaths, so that the balance of membership is but thirty-five in our favor.

From the reports of the District Deputies, or those of them that have favored us with reports, we learn that, with some few exceptions, the Subordinate Encampments appear to be in a languid, unhealthy state.

Deputy Tucker, from Encamp't No. 1, says, "It gives me pleasure to inform you that Massasoit Encampment continues in its usual, prosperous and healthy condition."

Deputy Hayden, from Encamp't No. 2, writes, "It becomes my duty, as it is my pleasure, to report Tri-Mount Encampment in a most prosperous condition. During the past term, they have conferred the work on eleven Patriarchs, making their present number 221—being about one-fifth of the numerical strength of the Encampment branch of the Order in this State. Their past officers, indeed the entire Encampment,

is deserving of great praise for the manner in which the work has been conferred, nearly every officer dispensing with the use of books. Their receipts, during the past term, have been more than seven hundred dollars, and their present fund—all of which is well invested—amounts to about five thousand dollars. It also affords me pleasure to state, that their meetings are well, very well attended, as I have at various times, during the past term, met from fifty to seventy there."

Our Most Worthy Grand High Priest, Caleb Rand, from Encampment No. 5, informs me that Bunker Hill Encampment remains about the same as last report, with the exception that two brothers have been admitted. This Encampment has a large roll of members and hundreds of dollars in its treasury, but there is a want of interest among its members to induce them to attend its meetings. He also says, We strongly desire, here, that the Encampment may be merged in the Lodge; and he thinks, if this is not done ere long, this Encampment will cease to exist.

Grand Treasurer Cook, from No. 6, reports Mount Washington Encampment as having been very prosperous the last term, having received twenty-six new members, and prospect good for further additions. This is certainly an "oasis in the desert," and it would not be surprising if the brothers of Mt. Washington wanted "rest as well as food."

Deputy Hills, from No. 7, says, "I do not find it in my power to present so favorable a report of the condition of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, as I could wish. During the past term, however, the number of our members have increased two. This circumstance, slight though it may seem, is, in these days, one of encouragement. The members who take sufficient interest in the Encampment to attend its meetings, are hopeful of a 'good time coming,' and are doing all they can to hasten it; and it can safely be said of them, that they are able and willing to keep 'watch and word' in the camp, faithfully, until that time of awakening among the dry bones of the Order generally shall arrive."

Deputy Nickerson, from No. 8, says, "Our Encampment is coming up; we have put it through the *pruning process*, and it is now in a more healthy condition; the members are more regular in their attendance and their interest has considerably increased: in fact, we are in a more healthy state than at any time since the change of the work."

From Samoset Encampment, No. 11, we have received no return for the last year, and no report from the deputy of that district. It will be recollected, that the state of this Encampment was referred to a special committee, and that committee have not reported to my knowledge. It is necessary that some steps should be taken to close up this Encampment, and pass its effects over to the Grand Encampment, unless they can be persuaded to perform their duty.

The Grand Senior Warden reports from Encampment No. 12, that Shalom Encampment is in a very healthy and prosperous condition, as their returns show this term as well as the last; and that Friendship, Harmony, and good feeling exist among them.

Deputy Kimball, from Encampment No. 13, reports a different state of things; he says, "But very little interest is taken in this branch of the Order, the whole responsibility resting upon about one-fifth part of the members, and this fifth part are about tired out passing from chair to chair, in order that they may be properly filled."

Deputy Fay, from Encamp't No. 23, is of the same class as the last, and we have the same desponding tone. He says, "My report must only be a repetition of my last report—that the Encampment, under my jurisdiction, remains in the same dormant state as heretofore; I would be glad to report otherwise, but truth forbids."

Deputy Wells, from Encamp't No. 15, says—"Although there is little for me to say relative to my particular district, yet I am permitted to report that Mount Holyoke Encampment, No. 15, is in a sound and healthy condition, and although not increasing in numbers, yet retaining under her tent enough of vigor to carry out the principles of our Order. The statistics may be gathered from our return, which has been forwarded some time since. We look with solicitude upon a movement, made in some quarters, for the abolishment of the Encampment as a distinct branch, and its incorporation with the degree Lodges. Against such a change we most solemnly protest, believing it to be not only subversive of our chartered rights, but sure to bring a blight upon the prosperity and happiness of our Order. The bone and sinew of Odd Fellowship lies in her Encampment members, strike from her what they esteem the oasis, and she will soon be laid in the tomb of the Capulets. As we stand, our hearts are strong and our courage good, therefore let no inroads be made upon us; this spirit of change has done as much injury in overbalancing every good produced by change, and I fully believe that, with our old laws and old work, we should have been stronger than we are this day."

Deputy Brayton, of Encamp't No. 28, says: "I find, in visiting Wells Encampment, that owing to deaths, suspensions, and clearances, there are not left seven members; consequently, I have taken possession of the charter and books, and hold them subject to your order, or the Grand Encampment. The property has partly been disposed of to meet the liabilities of the Encampment. It is a subject of deep regret to myself and the other members of the Encampment, that it could not be sustained, but such is the fact, enough new members could not be induced to join to keep it alive; no money would have done it, *that* could have been provided."

I have directed Deputy Brayton to settle the affairs of Wells Encampment, and report to the Grand Scribe, which report will not, probably, be received in time to be acted upon at this session.

Such, Patriarchs, are the reports from the Subordinate Encampments, and what remedy can we apply? There have been various expedients suggested to remedy this state of things, such as merging the Encampment in the Lodge; a reduction of the fees of initiation; doing away with the benefits: but none of them appear to meet the necessities of the patient, who appears to be in that state of collapse when some powerful application would appear to be necessary. Perhaps I had

better not attempt to prescribe for the patient, for she may have had, already, more prescriptions than have been properly administered, and too much nursing may have enfeebled her constitution, so that any further appliances may destroy her at once. But, as long as there is life, there is hope, let us not despair. Permit me, therefore, to suggest a few Homeopathic doses, which, as is suggested by some of the followers of that system, will do no harm if they do no good. It will be recollected that, in a former communication, I suggested the propriety of a change in the Constitution of Subordinates, to amend Article II, section 1st, clause 1st, by reducing the initiation fee to six dollars, or, leaving it optional with the Subordinates, to adopt such a sum as they, in their judgments, might think best. To that, a motion was made by Past Grand Patriarch Ayres, that the Grand Scribe be directed to notify the Subordinates and request them to take action upon the above question, and forward the result to this Grand Body. The Grand Scribe has performed his part of that duty; but, I regret to say, that but seven of the Encampments have responded to the call. Six of them have made an affirmative answer, and one in the negative, and twelve others that have made returns have not reported any action upon the question.

I really do not anticipate any very favorable result from this change. There appears to be something else besides this wanted to breathe new life and vigor into the present members. But as it appears to be called for by those who advocate the merging process, perhaps it would be well to adopt it, as one of those prescriptions which will do no harm, if no good. There is but one thing, in my opinion, that can save this branch of our Order, or at least the country Encampments, from certain destruction—that is, a personal, self-sacrificing devotion to its interests; a determination on the part of those who have the interest of the Order at heart, that it shall be sustained. When you can get seven Patriarchs of this opinion, the work is more than half accomplished. There must be no complaint on the part of past officers when called upon to take a lower seat, no declining to perform any duty when called upon by the worthy chief. When members see past officers showing their want of interest by non-attendance, or by declining to accept subordinate offices, they, very naturally, fall in with the same state of feeling and neglect.

Is it not within the experience of every installed officer in the Grand Encampment, that, after the presiding officer shall have been installed and taken his seat, and proceeds to appoint his subordinates, let one or two of the first appointments be declined and how soon every Patriarch in the room has such a press of business that it is impossible for them to perform the duties of any office. Let the opposite course be taken, at the outset, and there does not appear to be the same difficulty in filling the offices. And then, again, the position of the presiding officer is very unpleasant; in the first instance, he will, very naturally, think that there is some dislike to him, personally, as the cause for all this declining; he will, in a measure, lose confidence in himself, and distrust his ability to give satisfaction to the Encampment. If no other ungracious feeling arises, he keeps himself under better control than most of us. Let me repeat; if we wish to sustain this branch of our Order,

it must be done by a self-sacrificing devotion to its interests, by a willingness on the part of every member who loves the principles of the Patriarchal branch, (and who does not), to do every thing that can be done to sustain it. Do you suppose, that if this spirit had animated the thirty-one Patriarchs in Wells Encampment which were reported last January, that we should have had to appoint an administrator upon its effects? No! If there had been found but seven such members as I have portrayed—less than the number required to save a certain city of old—it would have saved Deputy Brayton the mortification expressed in his communication. The question must come to this at last, are we ready, are the country Encampments ready to abandon this branch of the Order? Who of us that have repeated, and are supposed to be conversant with its ritual, are ready and willing to abandon its principles? who willing to surrender the principles of Aaron or of the Golden Rule? As we value them, so ought to be our self-sacrifice to sustain them and inculcate them by practice as well by precept. There were those of old that set a high value upon them; an ancient legend says: “that the Peri excluded from Paradise brought many gifts to Heaven to regain it; she brought the dying sigh of a patriot, the kiss of a faithful girl imprinted upon the lips of her bridegroom, distorted by the venom of the plague; she brought many other fair gifts, but the doors of Paradise opened before her only when she brought with her the first prayer of a man, converted to charity and brotherly love, for his oppressed brother and humanity.”

Such is the mission of the Patriarch, to act in connexion with all that is good and true on earth, and hasten on that happy period when—

Mankind shall be one brotherhood,  
One human soul, that fill the earth.

Are you willing to abandon such a mission?

Patriarchs, in laying before you this my last communication, permit me to present to the Grand Encampment my hearty thanks for the honors they have conferred on me, and for the forbearance which they have uniformly manifested towards my short comings and inexperience in the duties that have devolved upon me; although my labors have not been arduous—owing to the efficiency of the Grand Scribe, to whom I am indebted, largely, for advice and counsel—yet, I think, a Grand Patriarch, to do his *whole* duty, would find his office no sinecure; he should visit each Encampment in the State at least once during his term, and, should such a course be adopted the ensuing year, his presence in the Subordinate Encampments, with his advice and counsel, would infuse new life and vigor into the body, and hasten in “that time of awakening among the dry bones of the Order,” which Patriarch Hills, and others, are patiently waiting and working for.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT C. BROWN,  
*Grand Patriarch.*

The following Petition from Grey Lock Encampment was read, and referred to Patriarchs Ellison, Webster, and Gunn.

GREY LOCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F.  
PITTSFIELD, BERKSHIRE COUNTY,  
FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 7, 1854.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The officers and members of Grey Lock Encampment, located at Pittsfield, believing it would very much enhance the interest in this Encampment in the central and southern portions of the county, and be the means of a great increase in membership, and by their means promote the general good of the patriarchal branch of the Order, have instructed the undersigned to petition your Grand Body for leave to work this Encampment in the south part of this county for a limited time.

Therefore, we, the officers of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, in accordance with a unanimous vote of the same, would, most respectfully, ask leave of your Right Worthy Grand Body that this Encampment may perform its work at Lee, in Berkshire county, for the space of one year.

Yours in F. L. and T.

A. N. ALLEN, C. P.  
JOB ROBBINS, Jr., H. P.  
F. F. READ, S. W.  
HENRY GROOT, J. W.  
P. JONES, Treasurer.  
HENRY H. HOLMES, Scribe.

The following Petition from late members of Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 24, (whose charter was resigned at the August session of 1853,) was read and referred to Reps. Parmenter, Ely, and Foster.

\* STOUGHTON, JULY 17, 1854.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned, members of the late Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 24, I. O. of O. F., respectfully represent that, in our opinion, the said Encampment may be supported in our town, and, therefore, pray that your R. W. Body will restore to us the charter, books, and property of said Encampment, to be located in Stoughton, and we pledge ourselves to be governed by the rules and usages of the Order. Encampment to be governed on the non-beneficial system. Admission fees to be the lowest constitutional rates. Quarterly dues to be such sums as may be necessary to pay the current expenses of the Encampment.

JAMES F. LAWRENCE,  
SAMUEL W. HODGES, and nine others.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would submit the following Report on Returns, ending with June 30, 1854 :

He has received Returns from Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 31, all of which are correct.

Bunker Hill, No. 5, and Iyanough, No. 29, were not received in season to exempt them from fines.

Samoset, No. 11, has made no returns for three terms—fined.

Wells, No. 28, has resigned its charter since last session.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and laid on the table.

*Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

DR.

|                                                                       |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1854—Feb. 1—To balance on hand, - - -                                 | \$ 45 66        |
| Aug. 2—To Cash received at sundry times<br>for Dues, Cards, &c. - - - | 136 31—\$181 97 |

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|                                          |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1854—Aug. 1—Expenses, Postage, &c. - - - | \$ 1 70        |
| Cash paid Grand Treasurer, - - -         | 125 00         |
| Balance to new account, - - -            | 55 27—\$181 97 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Indebtedness of Subordinate Encampments, at this date, is as follows :

|                                | Dues.   | Fines.  |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Monomake, No. 4, - - -         | \$ 6 22 |         |
| Bunker Hill, No. 5, - - -      |         | \$ 5 00 |
| Mount Washington, No. 6, - - - | 35 10   | 10 00   |
| Annawan, No. 8, - - -          |         | 5 00    |
| Naomi, No. 14, - - -           | 3 37    | 5 00    |
| Wanackmamack, No. 16, - - -    |         | 5 00    |
| Samaritan, No. 23, - - -       | 2 92    | 5 00    |
| Agawam, No. 25, - - -          | 2 62    |         |
| Green River, No. 27, - - -     | 6 26    | 15 00   |
| Wells, No. 28, - - -           | 9 53    | 5 00    |
| Iyanough, No. 29, - - -        |         | 5 00    |
| Total,                         | 66 02   | 60 00   |

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, which was received, and laid on the table :

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Boston, August 2, 1854.

WM. H. COOK, Treasurer, in account with the Grand Encampment :

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1854—Feb. 1—To Cash balance, - - - \$99 24  
 July 31—To Cash of Alfred Mudge, - - 125 00—\$224 24

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1854—July 31—Cash paid A. Mudge, Rent to date, \$25 00  
 “ “ “ 2 Quarters’ Salary, 25 00  
 “ “ “ Bill for Printing, 27 24  
 “ to balance, - - - 147 00—\$224 24

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. COOK, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Financial Committee submitted their Semi-Annual Report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the Records :

*Report of Finance Committee.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Boston, August 2, 1854.

The Committee of Finance, having attended to the duties of their appointment, would respectfully report, that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer and find them properly vouched and correctly kept.

|                                                  |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| The Grand Scribe had on hand, February 1st,      | \$45 66 |          |
| He has received for cards and dues, -            | 136 31  |          |
|                                                  |         | \$181 97 |
| He has paid for incidental expenses, -           | 1 70    |          |
| He has paid to the Grand Treasurer, -            | 125 00  |          |
| He has on hand, - - -                            | 55 27   |          |
|                                                  |         | 181 97   |
| The Grand Treasurer had on hand, Feb’y 1st,      | 99 24   |          |
| He has received from the Grand Scribe, -         | 125 00  |          |
|                                                  |         | 224 24   |
| He has paid sundry necessary bills, -            | 77 24   |          |
| Leaving a balance in his hands of -              | 147 00  |          |
|                                                  |         | 224 24   |
| There is now due from the Subordinates for dues, | 66 02   |          |
| “ “ “ “ fines,                                   | 60 00   |          |
|                                                  |         | 126 02   |



The total assets of the Grand Encampment, are as follows :

|                                        |       |         |          |
|----------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| Cash in the hands of the Grand Scribe, | -     | \$55 27 |          |
| “ “ “ “ Grand Treasurer,               | -     | 147 00  |          |
| Dues from the Subordinates,            | - - - | 126 02  |          |
|                                        |       |         | \$328 29 |

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. BELL,  
J. R. MULLIN,  
*Committee of Finance.*

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Ellison, the Reports of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were taken from the table, approved, and ordered on file.

On motion, the amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates was taken from the table and discussed.

An amendment was offered by Rep. Ely, to strike out the word "six" and insert the word "three," which was seconded by Rep. Gunn.

Rep. Baker proposed to amend the same by striking out the last line of the section, (leaving it optional to admit at such price as the Encampments might elect,) it, being seconded, elicited some discussion.

Rep. Bell, seconded by Rep. Tucker, moved the previous question, which was not sustained.

On motion to adopt the amendment of Rep. Baker, it was decided in the *negative*.

On motion to adopt the amendment of Rep. Ely, it was decided in the *negative*.

On motion to adopt the original amendment, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

Rep. Ellison, from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee, appointed upon the petition of the officers of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, for permission to remove, temporarily, from their present location at Pittsfield, would respectfully ask leave to report :

That the communication is unofficial in its character, not having the seal of Grey Lock Encampment affixed to it ; there is another objec-

tion to it, and that is, that the laws of the Order do not recognize movable bodies either Grand or Subordinate. The Committee would recommend that Grey Lock Encampment have permission to remove from Pittsfield to Lee, as prayed for ; but that such removal shall be permanent and not temporary ; if they desire to remove again, at any future time, they can again petition as in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,  
EDWARD C. WEBSTER,  
H. N. GUNN.

Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and *resolution adopted*.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for the reinstatement of Mount Hebron Encampment, report :

That, in their opinion, the petition should be granted, and they submit a resolution accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,  
For the Committee.

*Resolved*, That Mt. Hebron Encampment be reinstated at Stoughton.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers ; Reps. William A. Bell, Baker, and Webster, were appointed to superintend the ballot. The Committee announced the result to be as follows :

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes, - - 26.

|                |   |    |                  |   |
|----------------|---|----|------------------|---|
| Joseph Byron,  | - | 18 | Samuel Newmarch, | 1 |
| — Byron,       | - | 3  | Charles Hayden,  | 1 |
| E. C. Webster, | - | 2  | Caleb Rand,      | 1 |

Reps Webster, Newmarch, and Hayden declined ; all others candidates.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes, - 22.

|                 |   |    |                   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|----|-------------------|---|---|
| Charles Hayden, | - | 15 | Daniel Hall,      | - | 1 |
| Charles Foster, | - | 2  | H. W. Swett,      | - | 1 |
| Robert Rhodes,  | - | 1  | C. E. Buckingham, | 1 |   |
| A. B. Ely,      | - | 1  |                   |   |   |

All are candidates.

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes, - 20.

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| E. C. Webster, - 8  | C. E. Buckingham, 1 |
| H. W. Swett, - 6    | R. Rhodes. - - 1    |
| Charles Hayden, - 4 |                     |

Reps. Webster, Swett, and Hayden were declared candidates.

**FOR GRAND SCRIBE.**

Whole number of votes, - 17.

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Alfred Mudge had - 16 | A. B. Ely, - - 1 |
|-----------------------|------------------|

Reps. Alfred Mudge and A. B. Ely were declared candidates for the office of Grand Scribe.

**FOR GRAND TREASURER.**

Whole number of votes, - 17.

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| William H. Cook, - 15 | Charles Hayden, - 1 |
| E. H. Tucker, - 1     |                     |

All are candidates for that office.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes, - 21.

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| E. H. Tucker, - 13  | E. C. Deming, - 1  |
| H. W. Swett, - 3    | Wm. H. Cook, - 1   |
| S. Newmarch, - 1    | E. C. Webster, - 1 |
| C. E. Buckingham, 1 |                    |

All were declared candidates for that office.

**FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

Whole number of votes, - 18

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Robert C. Brown, - 17 | Hezekiah Prince, - 1 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|

Reps. Brown and Prince were declared candidates for that office.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of Grand officers for the ensuing year. Same committee appointed to superintend the ballot, who subsequently reported the result to be as follows :

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of votes, - 34

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| Joseph Byron had - 34 |
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Rep. Joseph Byron was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes, - 34

Necessary to a choice, - 18

Charles Hayden, - 28 | Robert Rhodes, - 1

C. E. Buckingham, 2 | Daniel Hall, - 1

A. B. Ely, - 1 | Charles Foster, - 1

Rep. Charles Hayden was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 33

Necessary to a choice, - 17

E. C. Webster had 27 | Robert Rhodes, - 1

H. W. Swett, - 4 | C. E. Buckingham, 1

Rep. E. C. Webster was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes, - 30

Necessary to a choice, - 16

Alfred Mudge had 21 | A. B. Ely, - - 9

Grand Scribe Alfred Mudge was declared re-elected.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes, - 28

Necessary to a choice, - 15

William H. Cook had 26 | E. H. Tucker, - 2

Grand Treasurer Wm H. Cook was declared re-elected.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 29

Necessary to a choice, - 15

E. H. Tucker had 21 | C. E. Buckingham, 2

H. W. Swett, - 4 | S. Newmarch, - 2

Rep. E. H. Tucker was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes, - 33

Necessary to a choice, - 17

R. C. Brown had - 32 | H. Prince, - - 1

Rep. R. C. Brown was declared elected.

The following Grand Officers were then duly installed into their respective chairs by Past Grand Patriarch William Ellison.

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Joseph Byron,      | Grand Patriarch. |
| Charles Hayden,    | “ High Priest. . |
| Edward C. Webster, | “ Senior Warden. |
| Alfred Mudge,      | “ Scribe.        |
| Enos H. Tucker,    | “ Junior Warden. |
| Wm. H. Cook,       | “ Treasurer.     |

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch appointed John T. Byron, Grand Sentinel ; Mortimer Lyon, Deputy Grand Sentinel, who were duly installed into office.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following Committees :

*Committee of Finance.*—Reps. Wm. A. Bell, J. R. Mullin, and Robert Wharton.

*Committee on Elections and Returns.*—Reps. H. N. Gunn, Chas. Classen, and Chas. H. Buckingham.

*Committee on the State of the Order*—W. E. Parmenter, J. R. Mullin, and Rep. Robert Wharton.

On motion of Rep. Wm. A. Bell, it was

*Resolved*, That the Deputy Grand Sentinel be compensated for his services for two terms as O. G., at \$3 per term.

On motion of Grand Scribe Mudge, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Patriarch be clothed with full power to negotiate for the use of this Hall, for the future meetings of this Grand Encampment.

On motion of Rep. Baker, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to the Past Grand Patriarch, for the faithful manner in which he has performed his services the past year.

On motion of Rep. Bell, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to the Grand Scribe and other officers, for the faithful performance of their several duties.

On motion, at 2 o'clock 15 minutes, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,  
Grand Scribe.

*D. D. Grand Patriarchs Appointed August, 1854.*

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| Encampment.       | No. | Place.        | D. D. Grand Patriarchs.                   |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Massasoit,        | 1,  | Boston,       | G. Patria'h Jos. Byron,<br>Jamaica Plain. |
| Tri-Mount,        | 2,  | do.           | Caleb Rand,<br>Charlestown.               |
| Monomake,         | 4,  | Lowell,       | Eliphalet Hills.                          |
| Bunker Hill,      | 5,  | Charlestown,  | E. H. Tucker, Boston.                     |
| Mount Washington, | 6,  | South Boston, | Edward S. Howe,<br>Neponset.              |
| Merrimack,        | 7,  | Newburyport,  | Philip K. Hills.                          |
| Annawan,          | 8,  | New Bedford,  | J. W. Nickerson.                          |
| Shâlôm,           | 12, | Dorchester,   | Chas. Hayden, Boston.                     |
| Naumkeag,         | 13, | Salem,        | James Kimball.                            |
| Naomi,            | 14, | Taunton,      | Charles Foster.                           |
| Mount Holyoke,    | 15, | Northampton,  | Samuel Wells.                             |
| Wanackmamack,     | 16, | Nantucket,    | William Summerhays.                       |
| Grey Lock,        | 21, | North Lee,    | Job Robbins, jr.,<br>Pittsfield.          |
| Samaritan,        | 23, | Chelsea,      | John R. Mullin,<br>Boston.                |
| Mount Hebron,     | 24, | Stoughton,    | James T. Sumner,<br>Canton.               |
| Agawam,           | 25, | Springfield,  | Harvey Danks.                             |
| Metacomet,        | 26, | Fall River,   | Robert C. Brown.                          |
| Green River,      | 27, | Greenfield,   | D. W. Alvord.                             |
| Iyanough,         | 29, | Barnstable,   | Gorham Hallett.                           |
| Lawrence,         | 31, | Lawrence,     | J. B. Atkinson.                           |

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1854.**

| ENCAMPMENTS.      | Number. | Where Held.   | County.     | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended, and cause. | Expelled, and cause. | Deaths. | No. degrees conferred. | Contributing members. | Amount of receipts. | Per centage due Grand Encampment. |
|-------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . . .  | 1       | Boston,       | Suffolk,    | 2          | 2        | ..        | ...               | 3                  | 3           | 2                     | ...                  | 2       | 6                      | 144                   | \$263 97            | \$13 18                           |
| Tri-Mount, . . .  | 2       | do.           | do.         | 11         | 10       | ..        | 4                 | 2                  | ..          | 5                     | ...                  | ..      | 32                     | 221                   | 727 17              | 34 08                             |
| Monomake, . . .   | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex,  | 3          | 3        | ..        | ...               | ...                | ..          | 5                     | ...                  | ..      | 9                      | 35                    | 75 00               | 6 22                              |
| Bunker Hill, . .  | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.         | 2          | 2        | ..        | ...               | ...                | ..          | ...                   | ...                  | 1       | 6                      | 92                    | 150 25              | 9 30                              |
| Mt. Washington, . | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,    | 26         | 26       | ..        | ...               | ...                | ..          | ...                   | ...                  | 1       | 78                     | 52                    | 324 00              | 35 10                             |
| Merrimack, . . .  | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,      | 1          | 1        | ..        | ...               | ...                | 1           | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | 3                      | 42                    | 55 25               | 4 35                              |
| Annawan, . . .    | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,    | 1          | 3        | ..        | ...               | ...                | ..          | 3                     | ...                  | ..      | 9                      | 24                    | 93 00               | 5 48                              |
| Shalón, . . .     | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,    | 5          | 5        | ..        | ...               | 2                  | ..          | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | 15                     | 30                    | 101 73              | 8 25                              |
| Naumkeag, . . .   | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,      | ..         | ..       | ..        | ...               | ..                 | ..          | 1                     | ...                  | 2       | ...                    | 66                    | 130 00              | 4 95                              |
| Naoni, . . .      | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,    | ..         | ..       | ..        | ...               | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ...                  | ..      | ...                    | 45                    | ...                 | 3 37                              |
| Mt. Holyoke, . .  | 15      | Northampton,  | Hampshire,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ...               | ..                 | ..          | 3                     | ...                  | ..      | ...                    | 35                    | 56 90               | 2 62                              |
| Wanackmanack, .   | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ...               | ..                 | ..          | 4                     | ...                  | ..      | ...                    | 46                    | 37 50               | 3 37                              |
| Grey Lock, . . .  | 21      | Pittsfield,   | Berkshire,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ...               | ..                 | ..          | ..                    | ...                  | ..      | ...                    | 52                    | 61 95               | 3 90                              |
| Samaritan, . . .  | 23      | Chelsea,      | Suffolk,    | ..         | ..       | ..        | ...               | 1                  | ..          | ..                    | ...                  | ..      | ...                    | 33                    | 25 00               | 2 48                              |
| Agawan, . . .     | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,    | ..         | ..       | ..        | ...               | 1                  | 1           | 1                     | ...                  | ..      | ...                    | 35                    | 12 00               | 2 62                              |
| Metacomet, . . .  | 26      | Fall River,   | Bristol,    | 3          | 3        | ..        | 1                 | ..                 | ..          | 2                     | ...                  | 1       | 9                      | 47                    | 101 16              | 7 40                              |
| Iyanough, . . .   | 29      | Barnstable,   | Barnstable, | 3          | 3        | ..        | ...               | ..                 | ..          | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | 9                      | 27                    | 36 00               | 5 62                              |
| Lawrence, . . .   | 31      | Lawrence,     | Essex,      | ..         | ..       | ..        | 1                 | ..                 | ..          | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | ...                    | 21                    | 35 00               | 2 08                              |
|                   |         |               |             | 57         | 58       |           | 6                 | 9                  | 5           | 26                    |                      | 7       | 176                    | 1047                  | \$2285.88           | 154 37                            |

*NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing July 1, 1854.*

| <i>C. P.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>H. P.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>S. W.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>J. W.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>Scribe.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Treasurer.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 J. W. Newcomb,<br>2 Thos. C. Porter,<br>4 Jona. A. Denton,<br>5 Thos. Greenleaf,<br>6 J. A. Stearns,<br>7 Nicholas Varina,<br>8 Fred P. Chase,<br>12 S. B. Hildreth,<br>13 Josh. W. Moulton,<br>14 C. H. Stephens,<br>15 James Thompson,<br>16 Edwd. F. Easton,<br>21 B. A. Morey,<br>23 P. R. Merriam, jr.<br>25 L. O. Hanson,<br>26 P. O. Brightman,<br>29 C. Lewis,<br>31 T. B. Wilson, | Moses T. Durell,<br>G. N. Thompson,<br>A. S. Eaton,<br>B. Brintnall, Jr.,<br>Edward R. Rich,<br>S. H. Rudlett,<br>Wanont T. Drew,<br>John W. Porter,<br>Ed. B. Phillips,<br>Joseph W. Puffer,<br>Enos Parsons,<br>James Thompson,<br>L. H. Lester,<br>Geo. W. Otis, Jr.,<br>John Hall,<br>T. J. Pickering,<br>Allen Baxter,<br>J. S. Loring, | Warren Hallard,<br>Theodore H. Bell,<br>Moses Whiting,<br>John B. Wilson,<br>Thompson Baxter,<br>John Bartlett,<br>Charles Sewell,<br>I. W. Follansbee,<br>G. W. Severance,<br>S. N. Staples,<br>Lucius Clark,<br>Wm. E. Chase,<br>F. A. Taylor,<br>F. B. Fay,<br>S. T. Averill,<br>Jno. E. Grouard,<br>Gorham Hallett,<br>John Beetle. | W. L. Deland,<br>E. N. Moore,<br>M. G. Downing,<br>Jacob Field,<br>Daniel B. Curtis,<br>John S. Knights,<br>Benjamin Worth,<br>William D. Byron,<br>Andrew H. Lord,<br>A. Briggs,<br>W. C. Prentiss,<br>Wm. H. Waitt,<br>H. H. Bidwell,<br>E. W. Lathrop,<br>E. Peck,<br>James Ford, 2d,<br>W. Furnis,<br>Enoch Styles, | Mortimer Lyon,<br>Wm. A. Bell,<br>L. P. Clifford,<br>J. C. Cutler,<br>Geo. H. Wheeler,<br>P. K. Hills,<br>James J. Barney,<br>John Roby,<br>John W. Rhodes,<br>L. Blood,<br>J. B. Augur,<br>Wm. B. Starbuck,<br>William Jenkins,<br>Chas. Howard,<br>George Smith,<br>H. N. Gunn,<br>E. Lewis, 2d,<br>Horace Manley, | Rich'd M. Baker.<br>Wm. H. Cook.<br>R. J. Garrett.<br>Edward Harding.<br>Hiram A. Bowles.<br>Edward Burrill.<br>J. B. Hadley.<br>Stillman Stone.<br>Joseph Swasey.<br>C. Foster.<br>Charles Smith.<br>Joshua Parker.<br>Jesse A. Morey.<br>R. Davidson.<br>S. S. Holmes.<br>Vernon Cook.<br>J. A. Baxter.<br>E. F. Bean. |



*Abstract from the Annual Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the  
United States, for the year ending June 30, 1854.*

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Initiations.....               | 80        |
| “ Admitted by Card.....                  | 12        |
| “ Withdrawn by Card.....                 | 18        |
| “ Reinstated.....                        | 6         |
| “ Suspended for Non-payment of Dues..... | 76        |
| “ of Deaths.....                         | 9         |
| “ “ Past Chief Patriarchs.....           | 220       |
| “ “ Past High Priests.....               | 169       |
| “ “ Contributing Members.....            | 1047      |
| Revenue.....                             | \$8956,83 |

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### RELIEF REPORT.

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Patriarchs Relieved.....        | 72        |
| “ “ Widowed Families Relieved.....        | 1         |
| “ “ Patriarchs Buried.....                | 8         |
| Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs..... | \$1122 34 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Widowed Families... 25 00       |           |
| “ “ “ Burying the Dead.....               | 80 00     |
| Total Amount of Relief.....               | 1227 34   |

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Right Worthy Grand Encampment,**

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

**State of Massachusetts,**

AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, IN THE  
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JANUARY 31, 1855.

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# SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

R.W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

I. O. O F O. F.

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ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BOSTON,

*Wednesday, Jan. 31, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Semi-Annual Session, when the following were present :

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Joseph Byron,      | Grand Patriarch.   |
| Charles Hayden,    | " High Priest.     |
| Edward C. Webster, | " Senior Warden.   |
| Alfred Mudge,      | " Scribe.          |
| Enos H. Tucker,    | " Junior Warden.   |
| William H. Cook,   | " Treasurer.       |
| William Ellison, } | " Representatives. |
| R. C. Brown, }     |                    |

and a due Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. H. P. William A. Bell, the reading of the Records of last session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

On motion of Rep. Bell, the hour of ten was assigned for the admission of new members.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and laid on the table :

*Report of Grand Scribe.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

DR.

|                                                                      |   |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1854—Aug. 1—To balance on hand,                                      | - | \$55 27        |
| 1855—Jan. 31—To Cash received at sundry times<br>for Dues and Cards, |   | 85 11—\$140 38 |

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|                                       |   |                |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1855—Jan. 31—Expenses of Postage, &c. |   | \$3 64         |
| Cash paid Grand Treasurer,            |   | 100 00         |
| Balance on hand,                      | - | 36 74—\$140 38 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Indebtedness of Encampments, at this date, is as follows :—

|                                        | Dues.         | Fines.        |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Monomake, No. 4, Lowell, - - -         | \$8 85        | \$5 00        |
| Bunker Hill, No. 5, Charlestown, - -   |               | 5 00          |
| Mount Washington, No. 6, South Boston, | 41 32         | 10 00         |
| Annawan, No. 8, New Bedford, - - -     |               | 5 00          |
| Shalom, No. 12, Dorchester, - - -      | 9 08          |               |
| Naumkeag, No. 13, Salem, - - -         | 7 35          |               |
| Naomi, No. 14, Taunton, - - -          | 6 67          | 5 00          |
| Wanackmamack, No. 16, Nantucket, - -   |               | 10 00         |
| Samaritan, No. 23, Chelsea, - - -      | 5 40          | 10 00         |
| Agawam, No. 25, Springfield, - - -     | 3 30          |               |
| Green River, No. 26, Greenfield, - - - | 9 86          | 15 00         |
| Iyanough, No. 29, Barnstable, - - -    |               | 5 00          |
| Lawrence, No. 31, Lawrence, - - -      | 14            |               |
|                                        | <hr/> \$91 97 | <hr/> \$70 00 |

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Semi-Annual Report, which was received and laid on the table :

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Boston, January 31, 1855

WM. H. COOK, Treasurer, in account with the Grand Encampment:

DR.

|                                       |   |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|----------|
| 1854—July 31—To Cash balance,         | - | \$147 00 |          |
| 1855—Jan. 27—To Cash of Grand Scribe, |   | 100 00—  | \$247 00 |

CR.

|                                            |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1854—Aug. 1—Cash paid Grand Lodge, U. S.   | \$100 00 |          |
| 1855—Jan. 29—Cash paid sundry bills as per |          |          |
| vouchers, - -                              | 81 46    |          |
| Cash to balance, - -                       | 65 54—   | \$247 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. COOK, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Financial Committee submitted their Semi-annual Report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the records :

*Report of Finance Committee.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Boston, January 31, 1855.

The Committee of Finance have attended to the duties consequent upon their appointment, and respectfully report, that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer and find them correctly kept and properly vouched. The following statement of the fiscal affairs of this Grand Body, is the result of their investigation.

The Grand Scribe had in his hands August

|                                          |   |   |   |          |          |
|------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------|----------|
| 1, 1854,                                 | - | - | - | \$ 55 27 |          |
| Since that date he has received for dues |   |   |   |          |          |
| and cards,                               | - | - | - | 85 11    |          |
|                                          |   |   |   |          | \$140 38 |
| He has paid to the Grand Treasurer,      | - |   |   | 100 00   |          |
| He has paid for postage, &c.             | - |   |   | 3 64     |          |
| He has now in his hands,                 | - |   |   | 36 74    |          |
|                                          |   |   |   |          | 140 38   |

|                                                                       |   |   |   |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|----------|
| The Grand Treasurer had on hand, August 1, 1854,                      | - | - | - | 147 00 |          |
| He has received from the Grand Scribe,                                | - |   |   | 100 00 |          |
|                                                                       |   |   |   |        | 247 00   |
| • His disbursements have been as follows :                            |   |   |   |        |          |
| To the Grand Lodge of U. States,                                      | - |   |   | 100 00 |          |
| Rent of office, salary of Grand Scribe, and other necessary expenses, | - | - |   | 81 46  |          |
| Leaving a balance in his hands of                                     | - |   |   | 65 54  |          |
|                                                                       |   |   |   |        | \$247 00 |
| There is now due from Subordinates for dues,                          |   |   |   | 92 87  |          |
| “ “ “ “ fines,                                                        |   |   |   | 70 00  |          |
|                                                                       |   |   |   |        | \$162 87 |
| The sum total of the assets of the Grand Encampment are as follows :  |   |   |   |        |          |
| Cash in the hands of Grand Scribe,                                    | - |   |   | 36 74  |          |
| “ “ “ “ Treasurer,                                                    |   |   |   | 65 54  |          |
| Amount due from Subordinates for dues and fines,                      | - | - | - | 162 87 |          |
|                                                                       |   |   |   |        | \$265 15 |

Your Committee would call the attention of this Grand Encampment to the fact, that setting aside entirely the amount due for fines (which has become almost an obsolete matter,) the amount actually accrued for term dues, and now justly due, exceeds the amount of receipts in the sum of \$7.76, which is totally at variance with Section 5th of Article VI of the Constitution. And, as an only means left to bring the subordinates to a performance of their duty, they would recommend a rigid enforcement of the laws of the Order, as is contained in Section 6, of Article VI of the Constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

WM. A. BELL,  
J. R. MULLIN,  
ROBERT WHARTON,  
*Committee of Finance.*

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Ellison, the Reports of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were taken from the table, approved, and ordered on file.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would submit the following Report on Returns, ending with December 31, 1854.

Whole number of Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction is 20. He has received Returns from Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 29, 31, all of which are correct.

No. 21, error in number and standing of members.

Monomake, No. 4, and Wanackmamack, No. 16, were not received in season to exempt them from fine.

Samaritan, No. 23, and Green River, No. 27, have failed to make their Returns, and are fined.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*

On motion of Rep. Wharton, it was voted to excuse Encampments Nos. 4 and 16 from fine.

The Grand Scribe submitted the following inquiry :  
 "Do the laws of the Order require dues to Grand Encampment from a Patriarch (who has lost membership in the Subordinate branch of the Order) on his return to his own Encampment?" Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report on additional Representatives' Certificates, which was accepted, and the candidates admitted and instructed :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on Elections and Returns report, respectfully, that they have examined the following Returns, and find them correct :

Tri-Mount, No. 2 ; Monomake, No. 4 ; Wanackmamack, No. 16 ; Mt. Hebron, No. 24 ; Metacomet, No. 26 ; and Lawrence, No. 31.

The Certificates of Massasoit, No. 1, and Shalom, No. 12, are irregular, — the first wanting the signature of the C. P., the other of the High Priest. The latter is omitted in consequence of the sickness of that officer. The absence of the Chief Patriarch of



Massasoit, should have induced the Senior Warden of that Encampment to append his name. The Committee would report all the certificates as furnishing satisfactory evidence of the election of the following Representatives, viz :

MASSASOIT, No. 1.—P. C. P. J. W. Newcomb.

TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.—P. C. P. Thos. C. Porter. P. H. P. G. N. Thompson.

MONOMAKE, No. 4.—P. C. P. J. C. Snow, J. A. Denton.

SHALOM, No. 12.—P. C. P. S. B. Hildreth.

WANACKMAMACK, No. 16.—P. C. P. E. F. Easton.

MT. HEBRON, No. 24.—P. C. P. J. T. Sumner. P. H. P. S. W. Rodgers.

METACOMET, No. 26.—P. C. P. Perry Gifford.

LAWRENCE, No. 31.—P. H. P. J. S. Loring.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

H. N. GUNN,  
C. E. BUCKINGHAM.

Petition from members of Grey Lock Encampment for its removal from Lee to Pittsfield. Referred to the Board of Grand Officers with full power to grant the same, when in form.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

GREY LOCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F.

PITTSFIELD, BERKSHIRE Co., JAN. 1855.

The undersigned, members of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, respectfully petition your Right Worthy Grand Body for the *return* of our Encampment from Lee, in the south part of this county, where it has lately been experimentally working—[see proceedings of Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, August 1854]—to Pittsfield, its former location.

In presenting this Petition, it is due to say, that we believe the circumstances and conditions which induced us last year, with your consent, to remove from Pittsfield to Lee do no longer exist ; and, further, the recent change of and now existing position of Patriarchs in the north part of this county, makes it more desirable now and hereafter that Grey Lock Encampment should be centrally as well as permanently located at Pittsfield ; affording, as it would, an equal opportunity for the late members of WELLS Encampment, in the

north, to join with us and participate with Patriarchs from Lee, the south part of this county, in the meetings of this Encampment ; a number of them have expressed a determination to do so, whenever our Encampment becomes so located. By this means, keeping with in this branch of the Order some, and perhaps many, worthy and valuable Patriarchs.

A. N. ALLEN, P.C.P.  
 JOB ROBBINS, JR., P.H.P.  
 F. F. READ,  
 HENRY GROOT, P.H.P.  
 HENRY H. HOLMES, P.C.P.  
 J. HOWARD, P.C.P.  
 W. B. BARROWS,  
 CALVIN GUNN,  
 J. L. PECK, P.H.P.  
 J. C. PARKER, P.C.P.

S. A. CHURCHILL,  
 CURTIS POMEROY,  
 M. VAN SICKLER,  
 JOSEPH DALY,  
 P. S. BRIGGS,  
 GEORGE MARKS,  
 J. H. BUTLER,  
 HARVEY COLE,  
 JH. VAN VECHTERS.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and, on motion, referred to Reps. Phillip K. Hills, Rhodes, and Swett.

#### GRAND PATRIARCH'S COMMUNICATION.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

PATRIARCHS ! By permission of the all wise ruler of the universe, we are again assembled to consider and advance, if possible, the great and ever living principles of Odd Fellowship ; and, in compliance with the constitutional requirement, I hereby present you a Report of the state of this Branch of the Order in this jurisdiction.

I have the usual complaint to make of the negligence of the District Deputies, two only have favored me with reports.

Encampments Nos. 1 and 2, from personal knowledge, I am happy to inform you, continue in their usual, healthy, and flourishing condition. I might say much about these Encampments, and the Patriarchs of which they are composed, but let it suffice to say, that here the great work is carried on with zeal and perseverance.

Encampment No. 5, reports a few less members than she did in the previous return ; but considering her financial condition and the large number of members still on her roll, who all love and practice the great principles of our Order, she must, I think, flourish.

Encampment No. 6, it gives me great pleasure to inform you, is in good condition, its meetings are well attended, and the Patriarchs are encouraged in the good work.

Encampment No. 12, I am pleased to say, was never in a more prosperous condition, its meetings are well attended, and the great principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth, are carried out in the letter and in the spirit.

District Deputy Robbins reports, Grey Lock Encampment, since its removal, has done very well indeed. We have initiated five, he says, with a fair prospect of further additions. The Patriarchs are in good spirits, and, I think, Odd Fellowship is looking up in this district.

District Deputy Danks, from Encampment No. 25, says, But little interest is taken in this branch of our Order here, which is much to be regretted. Some of the Patriarchs are desirous of surrendering their Charter, in consequence of the little interest manifested, but we hope for the best.

Having so few reports from the District Deputies, I am unable to say how far the Subordinate Encampments have availed themselves of the privilege of reducing the price of initiation and degrees to six dollars, and should judge from the returns that but few have.

Nothing has transpired since your last meeting, with regard to this branch of the Order, to call for any lengthy remarks from me. From the returns just in, it appears that we occupy about the same ground we stood upon six months since, and this of itself, if we look back at the few years last past, would seem to promise better success for the future, which is much to be desired.

Since your last communication P. G. P. WILLIAM ELLISON, a Representative of this R. W. Body to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, has been elected to the highest office in the gift of Odd Fellowship. This is a compliment well deserved by Bro. ELLISON, and an honor—though long since due Massachusetts—that comes in a very propitious time, a time when sectional prejudices have a fast hold on the minds of men; and we are assured thereby, that the great principles of our Order predominates over all other feelings, the entire length and breadth of the jurisdiction.

I beg leave to congratulate this R. W. Grand Encampment on the election of one of her favorite sons to this important office, and the Order generally, that the choice has fallen upon one so eminently qualified to discharge its high and important duties.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

JOSEPH BYRON,  
*Grand Patriarch.*

Grand Rep. Ellison submitted the following Report of the doings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session at Baltimore, which was read, and on motion, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

*To R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The undersigned, Representatives from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts to the Grand Lodge of the United States, would respectfully ask leave to report: that they attended the annual communication held in Baltimore, in September, 1854.

The Session commenced on Monday, September 4th, and continued through the week, adjourning from Saturday until the following Monday, and closing its Session at 4 o'clock, P. M. on that day. There were present, Representatives from every State in the Union except Florida; a vast amount of business was transacted and the Session was conducted with its usual decorum and harmony. The very able annual report of the Grand Sire presented the Order throughout its vast jurisdiction, as in a very healthy and increasing condition; increasing in its usefulness, increasing in its revenue, augmenting the amount of its annual relief expenditures, and adding largely to its numerical strength.

Among the decisions of the Grand Sire, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge were the following:

1st. That a Grand Representative is an officer of his State Grand Body, and in a procession organized within his State, he will occupy such position as the laws of his State point out for officers.

2d. That there was no law of the Grand Lodge of the U. States regulating the time which the holder of a withdrawal card that has been rejected, must remain before he can again offer it for deposit in the same State, but that the matter was left to the local laws of the several State Grand Bodies.

3d. That all applicants for degrees must be balloted for by the Lodge, open in the particular degree applied for, and that the proceedings had by Lodges, when open in particular degrees for the purpose of balloting or conferring degrees, were wholly distinct from the ordinary Lodge proceedings, and were to be recorded in a separate minute or record book.

4th. That expulsion for non-payment of dues, was governed by the local laws of the States.

The report of the always efficient and faithful Grand Secretary was next presented, and gave an elaborate and detailed condition of the order in the different State jurisdictions. On the second day of the

Session, in accordance with a provision of the Constitution, the biennial election of officers took place, and the distinguished and responsible positions of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, will at the next communication be transferred from faithful, efficient and long tried servants of our affiliation to those of lesser experience, and whose greatest ambition should be to endeavor to discharge their high trusts in such a manner that their official acts may add as much to the welfare and prosperity of the Order as has marked the administration of their distinguished and immediate predecessors.

A resolution was referred to the Legislative Committee, upon the subject of allowing members who have withdrawn from Subordinate Lodges to retain their Encampment membership—the Committee reported that it would be unwise so to do, and that it would have a tendency to produce opposition and turmoil between Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, tending to the injury of the Order. The Grand Lodge coincided with the views of the Committee and the report was adopted. The following resolution from the same Committee was passed :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed upon all visiting cards, which may hereafter be issued from his office, the blank form of certificate relative to benefits, as passed by this Grand Body at its last session.

The Grand Lodge rejected a resolution to establish a department of vital statistics to be placed in charge of an actuary, an officer to be created by the Grand Lodge. A report from the Finance Committee exhibited the following among the resources of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Cash on hand, \$7,801 33. Maryland stocks, \$8,274 46. The expenses of the last session were about \$13,000.

Among the important and somewhat significant proceedings of the session, was the introduction of a resolution, and the appointment of a Committee of five, to prepare and report to the next Session of the Grand Lodge, a plan, merging the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. The patriarchal department of Odd Fellowship in Massachusetts, has always moved harmoniously, and has received the general approbation and support of its members; and it has always been the belief of your representatives, that the abolishment of the Encampment branch as a separate organization, would operate to the injury of the Order in Massachusetts, and produce no substantial good to the institution throughout its jurisdiction. If the plan can be accomplished, it will produce a radical change, demanding almost an entire reconstruction of our organization, establishing a great precedent for future changes, which will indicate a

want of that stability and permanency, which are and always must be among the essential elements of our association. The subject, however, is in the hands of an able committee, who can only have the best interests of the Order at heart, and who may have the power to convince us, that progress always follows innovation, and that there can be produced great reasons for destroying a complete chartered working Representative department of our Order.

Another important feature of the proceedings of the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was the adoption of a new Constitution, containing many important and liberal improvements upon the old instrument, which must commend themselves to the favorable consideration of the entire brotherhood. The new draft proposed an increase in the ratio of Representation, which objectionable feature was stricken out and the old basis of Representation has been retained.

The above, it is believed, comprises all the legislation of the recent Session of the Grand Lodge of United States, that relates particularly to the patriarchal department of the Order. Various enactments and laws were passed, having particular reference to the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, which the undersigned have not touched upon in this communication believing that it would be trespassing upon the duties of the distinguished Representatives from the Grand Lodge of our State, who will undoubtedly present to that body, tomorrow, an elaborate report of the proceedings of the parent institution, as far as its legislation affects that department of our organization.

The undersigned cannot close this communication, without adverting to the sudden and melancholy decease of Grand Representative Edmund P. Hunter, of Virginia, who died at his residence while the Grand Lodge was still in session: he appeared in his seat at the early part of the session, and was appointed by the Grand Sire on a special Committee, to whom was referred a resolution, upon the expediency of modifying the law in regard to the six months term; he wrote a very able report upon the subject, which, when adopted a few days after, its distinguished author had "passed beyond the reach of human events, and had ceased to feel the vicissitudes of human affairs." During his connection with the Order, he had won for himself by his affability and gentlemanly deportment, the respect and esteem of his associates on the floor of the Grand Lodge,—but he has gone, and that seat of honorable duty that knew him so well will know him no more forever. Virginia mourns, and Massachusetts sympathises with her in her bereavement; to his afflicted family the Order can only offer its condolence and its sincere sorrow.

Officers and Representatives, the present is the last official communication your Senior Grand Representative will have the honor of offering to the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts in his Representative capacity. In looking back upon the many years you have honored him with your confidence, he can only hope that the record of his official duties will be as satisfactory to his indulgent constituents as they have been pleasant and agreeable to him. The remembrance of favors so lavishly bestowed, will ever be registered upon that tablet of memory, where "every day he may turn the leaf to read the account."

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

WILLIAM ELLISON,

R. C. BROWN,

*Grand Representatives to G. L. of U. S.*

Boston, Jan. 1855.

The following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Encampment were presented by P. H. P. William A. Bell.

Amend Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution,

First line, strike out the word "two," and insert "one."

Second line, strike out the letter "s."

Second line, strike out the words "the first," and substitute the word "which."

Strike out after the words "annual session," in the fourth line, all that follows to the word "and," in the same line.

Amend all other articles to correspond with the above. ●

The following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Encampment were presented by Grand Representative Ellison.

Amend Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, so as to read as follows:

SECT. 1. There shall be one session of the Grand Encampment, annually, which session shall be held on the Wednesday preceeding the first Thursday in August, and be styled the Annual Session; which session shall be held in the city of Boston.

Amend all other Articles to correspond with the above amendment.

The following Resolution was presented by the Grand Scribe, and passed unanimously :

*Resolved*, That all Encampments under this jurisdiction shall forward their Returns to the Grand Scribe, on or before the 20th of January and July, and any Encampment failing so to do shall be fined *five* dollars ; all excuses for neglect to be rendered to the Board of Grand Officers, within sixty days after notice by the Grand Scribe, —and all laws and resolutions heretofore passed and which may now be in conflict with this Resolution, be, and they are hereby repealed.

On motion of Rep. Gunn, Grand Representatives Ellison and Brown, instructed this Grand Encampment in the Patriarchal department of the Order.

The Committee on the Grand Patriarch's communication submitted a Report, which was accepted and placed on record.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the R. W. Grand Patriarch, beg leave to Report :

Your Committee do not find any subjects alluded to in the communication which require a special reference ; they, therefore, recommend that it be accepted, and placed on file.

It should be regarded as worthy of congratulation, as evincing a great degree of harmony in the jurisdiction, the fact, that no intricate questions regarding the interests of Subordinates, have been submitted to the Grand Patriarch, to claim, through him, the attention of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. HILLS,  
H. W. SWETT,  
ROBERT RHODES.

Rep. Mullin, from Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of the Grand Scribe, have considered the subject and Report :



They have examined the law in regard to the loss of membership, and whereas according to the general laws of the Order, whenever a member of a Subordinate Lodge withdraws therefrom, he immediately ceases to be a member of his Encampment, and unless he again becomes a member of a Subordinate Lodge within one month, his Encampment must grant him a withdrawal card, bearing even date with the withdrawal card from his Lodge. Therefore,

*Resolved*, In case a Patriarch withdraws from his Lodge and does not again become a member of a Subordinate Lodge within one month, he cannot again become a member of his Encampment except by deposit of card, or, in case the card is out of date, as an Ancient Patriarch, and upon the payment of the usual fee, in such cases made and provided.

JOHN R. MULLIN,  
ROBERT WHARTON.

On motion of Rep. William A. Bell, it was

*Resolved*, That the Deputy Grand Sentinel be compensated for his services in the usual fee.

On motion, at 11 o'clock and 45 minutes, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest:

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe.*

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the Term ending Dec. 31, 1854.

( 17 )

| ENCAMPMENTS.     | Number. | Where Held.   | County.     | Initiated. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended, and cause. | Expelled, and cause. | Deaths. | No. deg's conferred. | Contrib'g members. | Amount of receipts. | Pr. centage due Grand Encamp't. |
|------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . . . | 1       | Boston, do.   | Suffolk,    | 7          | 6        | ..        | 1                 | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | 1       | ...                  | 144                | \$ 157 50           | \$11 30                         |
| Tri-Mount, . . . | 2       | do.           | do.         | 7          | 6        | ..        | 1                 | ...                | ...         | 2                     | ...                  | 1       | 19                   | 226                | 474 50              | 26 35                           |
| Monomake, . . .  | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | ...                  | 35                 | 61 75               | 2 63                            |
| Bunker Hill, . . | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.         | 1          | 1        | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ...         | 6                     | ...                  | 1       | 3                    | 85                 | 106 50              | 7 57                            |
| Mt. Washington,  | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,    | 2          | 1        | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ...         | 1                     | ...                  | 1       | 5                    | 51                 | 110 00              | 6 22                            |
| Merrimack, . . . | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,      | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ...                | 1           | 1                     | ...                  | 1       | ...                  | 41                 | 25 25               | 3 08                            |
| Annawan, . . .   | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,    | 1          | 1        | ..        | ..                | ...                | 1           | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | 3                    | 25                 | 22 50               | 2 48                            |
| Shalom, . . .    | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,    | 5          | 5        | ..        | 1                 | ...                | 1           | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | 15                   | 37                 | 83 00               | 9 08                            |
| Naumkeag, . . .  | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,      | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | ...                | 1           | 1                     | ...                  | 1       | 6                    | 66                 | 105 90              | 7 35                            |
| Naomi, . . .     | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,    | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ...                | 1           | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | ...                  | 44                 | ...                 | 3 30                            |
| Mt. Holyoke, . . | 15      | Northampton,  | Hampshire,  | 1          | 1        | ..        | ..                | 2                  | ...         | 2                     | ...                  | ..      | 3                    | 32                 | 56 25               | 3 52                            |
| Wanackamack, .   | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket,  | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | 1                  | ...         | 1                     | ...                  | ..      | ...                  | 44                 | 32 00               | 3 30                            |
| Grey Lock, . . . | 21      | North Lee,    | Berkshire,  | 4          | 4        | ..        | ..                | ...                | 1           | 1                     | ...                  | ..      | 12                   | 55                 | 71 50               | 8 93                            |
| *Samaritan, . .  | 23      | Chelsea,      | Suffolk,    | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | ...                  | 33                 | ...                 | ...                             |
| Mt. Hebron, . .  | 24      | Stoughton,    | Norfolk,    | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | ...                  | 12                 | 10 00               | ...                             |
| Agawam, . . .    | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,    | 1          | 1        | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | 3                    | 36                 | 19 00               | 3 30                            |
| Metacomet, . .   | 26      | Fall River,   | Bristol,    | 1          | 1        | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | 2       | 3                    | 46                 | 48 00               | 4 65                            |
| *Green River, .  | 27      | Greenfield,   | Hampden,    | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | ...                  | 54                 | ...                 | ...                             |
| Iyanough, . . .  | 29      | Barnstable,   | Barnstable, | ..         | ..       | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | ...                  | 27                 | ...                 | 2 03                            |
| Lawrence, . . .  | 31      | Lawrence,     | Essex,      | 2          | 2        | ..        | ..                | ...                | ...         | ...                   | ...                  | ..      | 6                    | 23                 | 48 00               | 2 92                            |
| * No report.     |         |               |             | 27         | 25       | ..        | 3                 | 5                  | 2           | 16                    | ..                   | 8       | 78                   | 1116               | \$1431.65           | 108 91                          |

*NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing Jan. 1, 1855.*

| <i>C. P.</i>         | <i>H. P.</i>     | <i>S. W.</i>    | <i>J. W.</i>    | <i>Scribe.</i>   | <i>Treasurer.</i> |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Warren Mallard,    | W. L. Deland,    | Jacob Waldron,  | Jabez F. Hews,  | Mortimer Lyon,   | Rich'd M. Baker.  |
| 2 J. E. Billings,    | Isaac Adams,     | E. G. Putnam,   | Wm. A. Swift,   | Wm. A. Bell,     | Wm. H. Cook.      |
| 4 A. S. Eaton,       | Thos. C. Trow,   | S. C. Maxfield, | M. C. Downing,  | A. B. Plympton,  | R. J. Garrett.    |
| 5 J. B. Wilson,      | Geo. Fuller,     | Henry A. Rice,  | Wm. Hodgkins,   | J. C. Cutter,    | Edward Harding.   |
| 6 Thomson Baxter,    | D. B. Curtis,    | J. C. Kellum,   | Edwin H. Gill,  | G. H. Wheeler,   | Hiram A. Bowles.  |
| 7 John Bartlett,     | S. S. Blake,     | S. H. Rundlett, | Wm. Forbes,     | P. K. Hills,     | Edward Burrill.   |
| 8 Chas. Searell,     | W. T. Drew,      | Benj. Worth,    | Zeno Kelley,    | J. S. Barney,    | J. B. Hadley.     |
| 12 I. W. Follansbee, | Wm. D. Byron,    | John Robie,     | Charles Alden,  | Laban Pratt,     | Stillman Stone.   |
| 13 Simeon Flint,     | J. W. Moulten,   | J. H. Conrey,   | J. Farnham, Jr. | E. B. Phillips,  | Joseph Swasey.    |
| 14 C. H. Stephens,   | J. W. Puffer,    | S. N. Staples,  | Artemas Briggs, | Lawson Blood,    | C. Foster.        |
| 15 Lucius Clark,     | Webster Herrick, | L. S. Bliss,    | W. C. Prentiss, | J. B. Auger,     | Charles Smith.    |
| 16 Wm. E. Chase,     | Wm. H. Wait,     | H. C. Pinkham,  | C. R. Paddock,  | Wm. B. Starbuck, | Joshua Parker.    |
| 21 F. A. Taylor,     | H. H. Rideout,   | John Earens,    | A. H. Barlow,   | James Whitman,   | Wm. Jenkins.      |
| 23                   |                  |                 |                 |                  |                   |
| 24 Saml. W. Hodges,  | John Fanning,    | Ralph Houghton, | Geo. Marden,    | Wm. M. Briggs,   | John Woodbury.    |
| 25 M. J. Sanborn,    | Sidney Ross,     | J. W. Marsh,    | Moses Lyman,    | Sam'l Leonard,   | S. S. Holmes.     |
| 26 J. E. Grouard,    | P. O. Brightman, | Vernon Cook,    | Geo. B. Durfee, | H. N. Gunn,      | T. J. Pickering.  |
| 27                   |                  |                 |                 |                  |                   |
| 29 Allen Baxter,     | G. Hallett,      | W. Farris,      | E. H. Ryder,    | E. Lewis, 2d,    | J. A. Baxter.     |
| 31 John T. Loring,   | John Beetle.     | Enoch Stiles.   | Horace Manley,  | E. F. Bean.      | Thomas Scott.     |

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Right Worthy Grand Encampment

OF THE

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

### State of Massachusetts,

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ODD FELLOWS HALL, IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON,

AUGUST 1, 1855;

AND

SPECIAL SESSIONS, HELD SEPT. 11th, 1855.

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# ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

I. O. OF O. F.

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ODD FELLOWS HALL, BOSTON,

*Wednesday, August 1, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Joseph Byron,      | Grand Patriarch,                |
| Caleb Rand,        | “ High Priest, <i>pro. tem.</i> |
| Edward C. Webster, | “ Senior Warden,                |
| Alfred Mudge,      | “ Scribe,                       |
| William H. Cook,   | “ Treasurer,                    |
| Enos H. Tucker,    | “ Junior Warden,                |
| William Ellison,   | } “ Representatives,            |
| Robert C. Brown,   |                                 |

and a due Representation from the Subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of the Grand Junior Warden, the reading of the Records of last session was dispensed with, and the Records approved.

On motion of P. G. P. John R. Mullin, the hour of ten was assigned for admission of new members.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would submit his Semi-Annual Report on Returns, ending with June 30, 1855.

Whole number of Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction is twenty. He has received Returns from Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 29, all of which are correct.

He has also received returns from Nos. 14, 21, and 31, which are incorrect, to wit: No. 14, no receipts given, and amount paid for relief not given in Annual Return; No. 21, error in number and standing of members; No. 31, error in standing of members.

Samaritan, No. 23, and Green River, No. 27, have failed to make their Returns and are subject to a fine.

The Encampment Branch of the Order has gained during the last term in numerical strength twenty members. There have been 32 initiated, 1 admitted by card, 5 withdrawn by card, 4 reinstated, 10 suspended for non-payment of dues, 1 Death, 32 exalted, 1136 total number of members; receipts, \$2,289.48; paid out, \$908.36; due Grand Encampment, \$111.11.

The Grand Scribe would here remark, that notwithstanding two of the Encampments have made no returns, and will, ere long, be numbered with the things that are past, there is strong ground of hope that this branch of the Order is now on the increase in this jurisdiction, and that Massachusetts will long be enabled to send two Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States from this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and laid on the table.

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of  
Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

DR.

|              |                                                                |                 |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1855—Feb. 1. | To balance on hand, - - -                                      | \$36 74         |
| Aug. 1.      | To Cash received at sundry times,<br>for Dues and Cards, - - - | 127 20—\$163 94 |

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|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1855—Aug. 1. | Expenses of Postage, &c. -   | \$2 26         |
|              | Cash paid Grand Treasurer, - | 100 00         |
|              | Balance on hand, - - -       | 61 68—\$163 94 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Semi-Annual Report, which was read and laid on the table.

### *Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Boston, August 1, 1855.

WILLIAM H. COOK, Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand  
Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

DR.

|               |                            |                 |
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| 1855—Jan. 29. | To Cash Balance, - - -     | \$ 65 54        |
| July 31.      | To Cash of Grand Scribe, - | 100 00—\$165 54 |

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|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1855—July 31. | By Cash paid sundry bills, as<br>per vouchers, - - - | \$66 85        |
|               | By Cash to balance, - - -                            | 98 69—\$165 54 |

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. COOK, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report on Representatives' Certificates, which was accepted, and the candidates (not previously instructed) were admitted and instructed.



*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts :*

The Committee on Elections and Returns report, that the certificates of the following Patriarchs are correct, and they have been elected as Representatives, viz.

MASSASOIT, No. 1.—*P. G. P's* Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, Albert Guild, William Ellison, William H. Jones, John R. Mullin, David Ayres. *P. C. P's* Louis Dennis, John Binney, Judson Murdock, A. B. Ely, Aram Youlen, George H. Foote, S. G. Tower, N. Y. Culbertson, J. M. Burgess, Charles Hayden, W. L. Ring, E. C. Deming, John H. Pitman, and Elbridge G. Wallis, J. W. Newcomb, Warren Mallard. *P. H. P's* L. M. Smith, A. W. Pollard, Samuel Prince, Dexter Bowker, A. S. Ferguson, S. B. Krogman, S. F. Wilson, F. A. Kemp, Jos. Newmarch, Mortimer Lyon, E. W. Norris, D. W. Tarr, Collins Stephens, Joshua H. Pitman, Charles D. Cole, W. L. Deland, Moses T. Durell, J. B. Frost, Jr.

TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.—*P. G. P's* Newell A. Thompson, William E. Parmenter. *P. C. P's* Edward Tyler, George Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, Wm. A. Bell, E. P. Dolbeare, Jr., Wm. M. Nassau, Robert W. Hall, Wm. H. Cook, E. H. Tucker, Jr., A. B. Child, J. B. Cook, Elisha Pratt, T. J. Leland, Stephen Cain, Samuel French, 2d, Darius Forbes, J. S. Jones, J. P. Paine, Emerson Cooledge, H. W. Swett, Charles Birchard, C. E. Buckingham, T. C. Porter, M. M. Sanders. *P. H. P's* G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereaux, William P. Baker, Samuel Nicolson, Levi Wilkins, J. W. Barton, James Rice, H. D. Ward, T. J. Whittemore, R. Cummings, John P. Lovell, J. C. Chase, S. P. Knights, Robert Wharton, Charles F. Classen, Edwin Brown, S. M. Colcord, E. M. P. Wells, Elias Whitney, L. Metcalf, G. N. Thomson and Isaac Adams.

MONOMAKE, No. 4.—*P. C. P's* A. S. Eaton, R. J. Garrett, T. C. Trow, A. B. Plimpton. *P. H. P's* H. N. Moore, Geo. Ashworth.

MT. WASHINGTON, No. 6.—*P. C. P. T.* Baxter. *P. H. P. D. B.* Curtis.

MERRIMACK, No. 7.—*P. G. P.* Philip K. Hills. *P. C. P's* George Emery, Eben. S. Stearns, J. W. Sargent, Jona. Lovering, B. F. Bartlett, J. D. Rundlett, Edward Burrill, Amos F. Jaques, Chas. R. Sargent, Wm. Forbes, Thomas Pearson, Albert Currier, John Bartlett, Samuel S. Blake, Nicholas Varina. *P. H. P's* Thomas H. Lord, George R. Dodge, John L. Knight, Moses H. Sargent, E. A. Eaton.

SHALOM, No. 12.—*P. C. P's* J. S. F. Huddleston, G. B. Davis, J. T. Byron, William Withington, Stillman Stone, T. W. Capen, Geo. Dodge, H. H. Cloud, Eliphalet Stone, E. S. Howe, S. B. Hildreth, T. W. Follansbee, Jos. Byron. *P. H. P's* Asa Wyman, Asa Wyman, Jr., N. Haley, Moses Gleason, P. Boegner, R. Rhodes, J. W. Porter and W. D. Byron.

NAUMKEAG, No. 13.—*P. C. P's* William Archer, Jr., Samuel B. Foster, John C. Howard, Walter S. Harris, J. Kimball, Jonathan Perley, Jr., J. M. Decker, Joseph Farnham, Jr., John White, Robert P. Clough, James H. Conrey, Edward C. Webster, Alvah A. Evans, J. Young, Edward D. Phillips. *P. H. P's* Israel D. Shepard, William Saunders, Jr., Simeon Flint, J. W. Rhodes, Enoch K. Noyes, George H. Pierson, Joshua W. Moulton, Thomas Oakes, Richard G. Goff.

GREYLOCK, No. 21.—*P. H. P's* H. H. Rideout, F. A. Taylor.

MT. HEBRON, No. 24. *P. C. P's* Nathan Withington, Jr., Daniel Howard, Barnard Green, Jas. T. Sumner, and Sam'l W. Hodges. *P. H. P's* Wm. Tozer, Jefferson Fitts, John Fanning, and George Marden.

AGAWAM, No. 25.—*P. C. P's* Samuel Leonard, S. S. Holmes.

LAWRENCE, No. 31.—*P. C. P's* J. T. Loring, J. B. Atkinson, Thomas Barr, Thomas Scott, Thomas B. Wilson. *P. H. P.* John Beetle.

There is from Annawan, No. 8, an irregular certificate of the election of the following Patriarchs, viz. W. H. Taylor, S. G. Driscoll, F. P. Chase, W. T. Drew, I. W. Nickerson, Jas. Taylor, Jas. S. Barry, Timothy Ingraham, M. G. Monroe and J. B. Hadley.

This certificate shows that the above Patriarchs were elected, in the course of the last year: the certificate furthermore has not the signature of the H. P.

It appears, that, so far as the certificates show there have not been elected any Reps. from Bunker Hill, No. 5. Annawan, No. 8, Naomi, No. 14, Mt. Holyoke, No. 15, Wanackmamack, No. 16, Metacomet, No. 26, and Iyanough, No. 29.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

C. E. BUCKINGHAM,  
CHAS. F. CLASSEN.

On motion of the Grand Scribe to ratify the Certificates from Annawan Encampment, it was decided in the *negative*.

The amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, presented by Rep. Bell and Rep. Ellison, were taken up, and the amendments of Rep. Ellison were, by vote, substituted for those of Rep. Bell, to wit:

Amend Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, so as to read as follows :

**SECT. 1.** There shall be one session of the Grand Encampment, annually, which session shall be held on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in August, and be styled the Annual Session; which session shall be held in the city of Boston.

Amend all other articles to correspond with the above amendment.

Rep. Joseph B. Frost, Jr., submitted the following Resolution.

*Resolved*, That the amendments offered by Grand Rep. Wm. Ellison, be adopted.

The resolution was laid upon the table, until the admission and instruction of new members.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest instruct all candidates who present legal certificates throughout the day.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual Communication, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

#### GRAND PATRIARCH'S COMMUNICATION.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

##### PATRIARCHS :

By divine permission, we are again assembled to legislate for the promotion of the good of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order ; and in conformity with my duty I present you, in this my annual communication, a report of its condition in this jurisdiction.

Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, having petitioned in legal form for permission to change its location, [see document annexed, marked A.] the Board of Grand Officers, agreeably to powers conferred upon them, have granted such permission.

It affords me much pleasure to inform you that Encampment No. 1 continues in its usual harmonious and sound condition ; though I must here repeat the stereotyped complaint with regard to the District Deputies. It is much to be regretted, that those Brothers do not comply with the requirements of their commissions in forwarding to the Grand Patriarch reports of the condition of the Encampments in their Districts. The few that have performed this part of their duty, report as follows :

District Deputy Rand of Tri-Mount Encampment, No. 2, says, "On my official visit I found fifty of their own members present, notwithstanding it was one of the hottest evenings of the season, and all seemed to be active and interested in the noble cause which called them together; the Return from Tri-Mount Encampment speaks for itself of the success which has attended it during the past term."

District Deputy Eliphalet Hills, of Encampment No. 4, reports:—"Our Encampment is not in a very flourishing condition at this time, our numbers are small, though what is left of us are good members of the old stock and right stamp."

Deputy Tucker, of District No. 5, says: "Bunker Hill Encampment is in much the same condition as at the last report. All that is wanted to make this Encampment second to none in the state, is a more prompt attendance at its meetings. Candidates were waiting to receive the degrees, and several new applications were made.—Taking all things together, I have not seen so much real life and zeal manifested in an Encampment for a long time. Long may this Encampment live, and may continued prosperity be theirs."

Deputy Edward S. Howe, of District No. 6, reports:—"The Encampment branch of the Order in my district is in a very healthy and flourishing condition. There has been no lack of work for last year, as will be seen by the returns. Let there be as much vigor and active life in the several Encampments throughout the state as there has been at Mount Washington Encampment, and this branch of the Order will not lack for interest or strength."

Deputy Philip K. Hills, of District No. 7, says,—“I regret that it is not in my power to report this Encampment in that flourishing and prosperous condition which a few years since witnessed. I can say, however, that it ‘still lives,’ and that it is sustained by a faithful and harmonious band of brother patriarchs, who are determined that it shall not die. They are firm in the faith that in the revival of interest in the Order at large, which the future holds in its bosom, the patriarchal branch of it which has possession of the sublime degrees will largely share. In this persuasion, their camp fires will be kept steadily burning.”

Shalom Encampment, No. 12, I am happy to inform you continues sound and prosperous. The meetings are remarkably well attended, and there is a zeal and activity about the members which promise much for the future.

Deputy James Kimball of District No. 13, writes: "It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that a new interest has been awakened here, and that our returns show an increase of eleven members. I trust that the next will show a corresponding increase, if not a greater one. Having moved into a new Hall, at the commencement of the term, we have every accommodation for the convenience of the Encampment, and being centrally situated the mem-

bers find it more convenient to attend, besides the zeal of the few, which has ever been watchful, for the prosperity of this branch of the Order, betokens a more prosperous state of things for the future. I am happy to add, that the financial condition of the Encampment is sound, and that the funds are properly invested."

Our worthy P. G. Patriarch Brown, writes very despondingly as follows: "The lethargy which appears to have settled upon this branch of the Order in this state, has effected Metacomet Encampment also. I regret exceedingly that I cannot report an increased interest in this department. The officers continue to meet week after week, and go through the formality of opening and closing without much interest being felt by any one."

From these reports and other information, it appears that some of the Subordinates are in a very sound and harmonious condition, and that there are others possessing every requisite to make them equally so, except an interest among the members, to induce them to attend the meetings, of which there is a great lack; while others may be said to be in a feeble and languid state. I cannot congratulate you upon a large increase of membership, but from the fact that we do increase notwithstanding the many withdrawals, suspensions and deaths, show this branch of the Order, in my opinion, to be in a sound condition. It is not by a large and rapid increase of membership that we are to look for success, but by zeal on our part, together with regular additions of the working portion of the brotherhood, who are fully imbued with, and determined to practice the principles of Odd Fellowship.

In compliance with a vote at the last annual session, I have secured the use of this Hall for this R. W. G. Encampment to hold its future meetings in, as will be seen by a communication herewith submitted.

Being now about to descend from the high position to which I have been unexpectedly called by your suffrages, I beg leave to return you my most sincere and hearty thanks, for the honor you have thus conferred upon me, and for the forbearance you have manifested towards me, which, through my inexperience, I seemed to require at your hands, and to the other Grand Officers with whom I have associated, but particularly *our worthy and efficient Grand Scribe*, whose valuable services makes the duty of Grand Patriarch light indeed. As your Chief, then, I bid you farewell, and assure you that I return to the ranks with a determination to be always zealous in the great principles we profess. Let us all be found ever practising these noble and lofty principles, Visit the Sick, Relieve the distressed (without asking his country or creed,) Bury the Dead, Educate the Orphan, Visit the Widow and Fatherless in their affliction, dry their tears, and hush the sigh of sorrow, if possible. *Act upon the Golden Rule.* Sow broadcast the seeds of brotherly

love and affection, and be assured that they shall spring up and bear fruit in abundance. Thus shall we enjoy the consciousness of doing our duty, as Odd Fellows; and as men, of acting well our part on the stage of life. The world will be better for our existence, will see our works, and know us by them. The good and the virtuous of all classes, who have hearts to aid in so good a cause, will flock to our standard, and a revival of the right stamp will be the consequence.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. & T.

JOSEPH BYRON,  
*Grand Patriarch.*

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LEE, MASS. June, 15th, 1855.

*To the R. W. G. Officers of the G. Encampment of Mass. I. O. O. F.*

The undersigned Officers of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, by vote of same, would respectfully petition your Grand Body for the return of our Encampment to Pittsfield, its former location.

We believe the objects and inducements contemplated in the removal to Lee last year, (see proceedings of Grand Lodge, Aug. 1854,) have been sufficiently tested, and that it would be to the interest of our Encampment to return as contemplated.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. TAYLOR, G. P.  
B. A. MOREY, H. P.  
JOHN EVANS, S. W. *Pro Tem.*  
J. S. WHITMAN, *Scribe.*

[SEAL.]

On motion to take the Resolution of Amendment to Constitution from the table, it was carried, and the Resolution was *adopted*.

The Finance Committee submitted their Semi-Annual Report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the Records:

*Report of the Finance Committee.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass.*

Boston, August 1st, 1855.

The Committee of Finance having attended to the duties devolving upon them would respectfully Report:

They have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, and find the accounts correctly kept and properly vouched. They submit the following statement as an exhibit of the fiscal affairs of this R. W. Grand Body.

|                                                                       |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| The Grand Scribe had in his hands, Jan. 31,                           | \$36 74  |          |
| He has received for dues and cards,                                   | - 127 20 |          |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    | \$163 94 |
| He has paid for incidental expenses, - -                              | 2 26     |          |
| He has paid to the Grand Treasurer, - -                               | 100 00   |          |
| Leaving a balance in his hands amounting to                           | 61 68    |          |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    | 163 94   |
| The Grand Treasurer had on hand, Jan. 31,                             | 65 54    |          |
| He has received from the Grand Scribe -                               | 100 00   |          |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    | 165 54   |
| He has paid sundry bills \$41 85, G. Secretary's salary, \$25 - - - - | 66 85    |          |
| Leaving a balance in his hands amounting to                           | 98 69    |          |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    | 165 54   |
| There is now due from the Subordinates for dues,                      | 89 73    |          |
| “ “ “ “ fines,                                                        | 40 00    |          |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    | 129 73   |
| The total assets of the Grand Encampment are as follows :             |          |          |
| Cash in the hands of the Grand Secretary, -                           | 61 68    |          |
| “ “ “ “ Grand Treasurer, -                                            | 98 69    |          |
| Amount due from the Subordinates, -                                   | 129 73   |          |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    | \$290 10 |

Your Committee would again call attention to the fact, that some of the Subordinates fail to discharge their liabilities to the Grand Encampment, a condition of things that should no longer be tolerated, and calls for immediate and efficient action on the part of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

WILLIAM A. BELL,  
J. R. MULLIN,  
ROBT. WHARTON,

*Committee of Finance.*

The following communication from Grey Lock Encampment was read, and referred to a Committee of three — Reps. Buckingham, Cook, and S. Leonard.

## GREY LOCK ENCAMPMENT No. 21, I. O. O. F.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass.*

At a regular meeting of Grey Lock Encampment holden July 20, a committee was chosen to present the following to your R. W. Grand Body, at the next session of the Grand Encampment.

That, whereas, there have been two petitions sent to the R. W. Grand Encampment, for the removal of Grey Lock Encampment from Lee to Pittsfield, its former location, we respectfully protest against the removal, for the following reasons :

1. The first petition was got up in Pittsfield, ten miles distant, without the knowledge or consent of the Encampment, or any of the members at Lee, or south of Lee. And the said petition was signed by thirteen members not in good and regular standing in this Encampment, or entitled to vote in the same, on account of non-payment of dues.

2. Our returns show that the Encampment has been much more prosperous in Lee than at Pittsfield, where it was nearly dead at the time of removal, as the returns of the last two years before removal will show.

3. The Encampment is more centrally located for the accommodation of the Lodges in the county ; there being four Lodges south of Lee, and only two north of Pittsfield. The Lodges south, are one at Stockbridge, five miles distant ; one at west Stockbridge, ten miles : one at Barrington, twelve miles ; one at Sheffield, eighteen miles ; those north of Pittsfield, one at South Adams, sixteen miles ; and one at North Adams, twenty-one miles north of Pittsfield.

4. We believe the agitation of the question of removal has deterred many good and worthy members of the several Lodges, in this vicinity, from joining the Encampment, who would yet join if the Encampment is not removed to Pittsfield.

5. The last petition was forced upon us, by all the members coming down from Pittsfield, unexpectedly, without any notice of their intention to force upon us a vote to petition for the removal. And, in order to secure votes for the petition, we were told that the petition was to be presented at the Grand Encampment, and the members here, who voted for the motion, so understood it.

Therefore, we, the Officers of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, in accordance with a unanimous vote of the same, would most respectfully ask leave of your R. Worthy Grand Body that this Encampment may continue to perform the work at Lee, in Berkshire County.

Yours in F. L. and T.

JAS. S. WHITMAN, C. P.  
JOHN EVANS, H. P.  
HIRAM BLISS, S. W.  
JESSE A. MOREY, J. W.  
WILLIAM JENKINS, *Scribe*,  
H. H. RIDEOUT, *Treasurer*.

[Seal.]



The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers ; Reps. Brown, Jos. B. Frost, Jr., and C. D. Cole ; and Reps. Bell, Howe, and Wells, were appointed as Committees to superintend the ballot. The Committees announced the result to be as follows :

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes, - 38

|                          |    |                     |   |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| Edward C. Webster, had - | 27 | J. S. Jones, - - -  | 1 |
| C. E. Buckingham, -      | 3  | H. W. Swett, - - -  | 1 |
| S. B. Krogman, -         | 2  | J. H. Pitman, - - - | 1 |
| E. H. Tucker, Jr. -      | 2  | T. C. Porter, - - - | 1 |

Reps. Webster, Buckingham, Krogman, and Tucker were declared candidates.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes, - 38

|                     |    |                      |   |
|---------------------|----|----------------------|---|
| E. H. Tucker, Jr. - | 12 | E. C. Webster, - - - | 5 |
| H. W. Swett, -      | 8  | J. H. Pitman, - - -  | 3 |
| C. E. Buckingham, - | 7  | J. S. Jones, - - -   | 3 |

Reps. Tucker, Swett, and Buckingham were declared candidates.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 35

|                     |    |                     |   |
|---------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| C. E. Buckingham, - | 14 | T. C. Porter, - - - | 2 |
| J. S. Jones, - - -  | 6  | S. W. Hodges, - - - | 1 |
| S. B. Krogman - -   | 7  | W. H. Cook, - - -   | 1 |
| E. H. Tucker, - -   | 4  |                     |   |

Reps. Buckingham, Jones, and Krogman were declared candidates.

#### FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 28

|                   |   |                     |   |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| S. W. Hodges, - - | 6 | A. Youlen, - - -    | 1 |
| W. L. Deland, - - | 5 | W. H. Cook, - - -   | 1 |
| E. C. Deming, - - | 3 | S. S. Holmes, - - - | 1 |
| T. C. Porter, - - | 2 | Robert Hill, - - -  | 1 |
| E. S. Howe, - - - | 1 | W. P. Parker, - - - | 1 |
| J. W. Porter, - - | 1 | J. S. Jones, - - -  | 1 |
| D. W. Tarr, - - - | 1 | R. W. Hall, - - -   | 1 |
| R. Rhodes, - - -  | 1 |                     |   |

Reps. Hodges, Deland, Deming, Porter, and Howe were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes - 33

|               |   |   |    |  |             |   |   |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|----|--|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| Alfred Mudge, | - | - | 24 |  | C. D. Cole, | - | - | - | 1 |
| H. W. Swett,  | - | - | 6  |  | R. W. Hall, | - | - | - | 1 |
| W. A. Bell,   | - | - | 1  |  |             |   |   |   |   |

All are candidates.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes, - 22

|               |   |   |    |  |               |   |   |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|----|--|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Wm. H. Cook,  | - | - | 19 |  | J. H. Pitman, | - | - | - | 1 |
| J. W. Barton, | - | - | 1  |  | W. P. Baker,  | - | - | - | 1 |

All are candidates.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes, - 34

|                   |   |   |    |  |              |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|----|--|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Byron,     | - | - | 30 |  | J. S. Jones, | - | - | - | 1 |
| C. E. Buckingham, | - | - | 3  |  |              |   |   |   |   |

All are candidates.

*Voted, To proceed to election.*

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The same committees were appointed to superintend the ballot, who subsequently reported the result to be as follows:

## FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes, - 39

Necessary to a choice, - 20

|                          |    |  |                    |   |    |
|--------------------------|----|--|--------------------|---|----|
| Chas. E. Buckingham, had | 20 |  | Edward C. Webster, | - | 19 |
|--------------------------|----|--|--------------------|---|----|

Rep. Buckingham was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes, - 41

Necessary to a choice, - 22

|                   |   |    |  |              |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|----|--|--------------|---|---|---|
| E. C. Webster had | - | 31 |  | H. W. Swett, | - | - | 2 |
| E. H. Tucker, Jr. | - | 4  |  | J. S. Jones, | - | - | 1 |
| J. H. Pitman,     | - | 3  |  |              |   |   |   |

Rep. Webster was declared elected, and declined.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.—2d Ballot.

Whole number of votes, - 34  
 Necessary to a choice, - 18

|                   |   |   |    |                  |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|----|------------------|---|---|---|
| H. W. Swett had   | - | - | 11 | C. E. Buckingham | - | - | 1 |
| E. H. Tucker, Jr. | - | - | 8  | T. C. Porter,    | - | - | 2 |
| J. S. Jones,      | - | - | 7  | S. B. Krogman,   | - | - | 1 |
| J. H. Pitman,     | - | - | 3  | E. S. Howe,      | - | - | 1 |

No choice.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.—3d Ballot.

Whole number of votes, - 33  
 Necessary to a choice - 17

|                   |   |   |    |               |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|----|---------------|---|---|---|
| H. W. Swett had   | - | - | 11 | J. W. Porter, | - | - | 1 |
| E. H. Tucker, Jr. | - | - | 10 | E. S. Howe,   | - | - | 1 |
| J. S. Jones,      | - | - | 9  | C. E. Baker,  | - | - | 1 |

No choice, when Rep. Swett declined standing as a candidate for the office.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.—4th Ballot.

Whole number of votes, - 29  
 Necessary to a choice, - 15

|                       |    |               |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| E. H. Tucker, Jr. had | 24 | E. S. Howe,   | - | - | - | 1 |
| J. S. Jones,          | 2  | Alfred Mudge, | - | - | - | 1 |
| H. W. Swett,          | 1  |               |   |   |   |   |

Rep. E. H. Tucker, Jr. was declared elected.

Rep. Buckingham and Tucker withdrew their names as candidates for Senior Warden.

## FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 32  
 Necessary to a choice, - 17

|                 |   |   |    |               |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|----|---------------|---|---|---|
| J. S. Jones had | - | - | 13 | W. H. Cook,   | - | - | 1 |
| S. B. Krogman,  | - | - | 8  | J. W. Porter, | - | - | 1 |
| S. W. Hodges,   | - | - | 8  | E. S. Howe,   | - | - | 1 |

No choice. Rep. Hodges declined standing as candidate for this office.

## FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.—2d Ballot.

Whole number of votes, - 28  
 Necessary to a choice, - 15

|                   |   |    |               |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|----|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| S. B. Krogman had | - | 19 | T. C. Porter, | - | - | - | 2 |
| J. S. Jones,      | - | 6  | W. H. Cook    | - | - | - | 1 |

Rep. Krogman was declared elected, but declined the office. All other candidates declining, the Grand Encampment proceeded to nominate candidates for that office—same committee appointed, who reported the result as follows :

#### NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR WARDEN.

|                       |    |                      |   |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------|---|
| John W. Porter, - - - | 10 | J. S. Jones, - - -   | 1 |
| D. W. Tarr, - - -     | 4  | E. C. Webster, - - - | 1 |
| E. S. Howe, - - -     | 2  | H. W. Swett, - - -   | 1 |
| Samuel Leonard, - - - | 2  | T. H. Taylor, - - -  | 1 |
| A. B. Ely, - - -      | 1  | S. W. Hodges, - - -  | 1 |
| M. T. Durell, - - -   | 1  |                      |   |

Rep. Ely, Tarr, Leonard and Durell declining all others were candidates.

The Grand Encampment resumed balloting for Grand Officers.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Whole number of votes, - | 25 |
| Necessary to a choice, - | 13 |

|                          |    |                    |   |
|--------------------------|----|--------------------|---|
| John W. Porter had - - - | 14 | E. S. Howe, - - -  | 1 |
| S. Leonard, - - -        | 5  | J. S. Jones, - - - | 1 |
| E. C. Webster, - - -     | 4  |                    |   |

Rep. Porter was declared elected.

#### FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Whole number of votes, - | 31 |
| Necessary to a choice, - | 16 |

|                        |    |                     |   |
|------------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| S. W. Hodges had - - - | 21 | W. L. Deland, - - - | 2 |
| T. C. Porter, - - -    | 3  | E. C. Deming, - - - | 2 |
| E. S. Howe, - - -      | 3  |                     |   |

Rep. Hodges declared elected.

#### FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Whole number of votes, - | 28 |
| Necessary to a choice, - | 15 |

|                        |    |                       |   |
|------------------------|----|-----------------------|---|
| Alfred Mudge had - - - | 20 | C. D. Cole, - - -     | 3 |
| H. W. Swett, - - -     | 4  | A. S. Furguson, - - - | 1 |

Rep. A. Mudge was declared re-elected.

#### FOR GRAND TREASURER.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Whole number of votes, - | 24 |
| Necessary to a choice, - | 13 |

|                    |    |                     |   |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| Wm. H. Cook, - - - | 23 | S. W. Hodges, - - - | 1 |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|---|

Rep. Wm. H. Cook was declared re-elected.

## FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

|                                             |    |                   |     |
|---------------------------------------------|----|-------------------|-----|
| Whole number of votes,                      | -  | 27                |     |
| Necessary to a choice,                      | -  | 14                |     |
| Joseph Byron had                            | 26 | C. E. Buckingham, | - 1 |
| Grand Patriarch Byron was declared elected. |    |                   |     |

Rep. Buckingham, from the Committee on the petition of Grey Lock Encampment, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted ; and special action being had on the Resolution, it was *negatived*, and the Resolution offered by Rep. Frost was adopted instead.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on the petition from Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, respectfully report :

That, at the present time, there seems no good reason for the removal of that Encampment back to Pittsfield. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.

CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,  
S. LEONARD,  
WILLIAM H. COOK.

*Resolved*, That Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, have permission to remain at Lee.

On motion of Rep. Frost, it was

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the members of Grey Lock Encampment have not availed themselves of the permission granted them by the Board of Grand Officers to remove said Encampment to Pittsfield, that, therefore, said permission is hereby revoked by this Grand Encampment.

On motion to adjourn till half-past two o'clock, it was decided in the negative.

Rep. Ely submitted the following resolution which was *adopted* — yeas, 12 ; nays, 6.

*Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be considered practically as well as technically proper, to fill any office in this Grand Encampment from the body of the members, and that no further regard shall be had to any precedent to the contrary that may have been heretofore established.

Rep. Bell submitted the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be instructed to publish with the Proceedings of this Session, a list of the names of the members of each of the Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction, arranged according to their rank.

The following Grand Officers were then duly installed into their respective chairs by Past Grand Patriarch William E. Parmenter.

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Chas. E. Buckingham, | Grand Patriarch. |
| Enos H. Tucker, jr.  | “ High Priest.   |
| John W. Porter,      | “ Senior Warden. |
| Alfred Mudge,        | “ Scribe.        |
| William H. Cook,     | “ Treasurer.     |
| Samuel W. Hodges,    | “ Junior Warden. |

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed Rep. Wm. P. Baker, Grand Sentinel, and Mortimer Lyon, Deputy Grand Sentinel, who were duly installed into their respective offices.

He also appointed the following Committees :

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Past Grand Patriarchs William E. Parmenter and John R. Mullin, and Rep. Edward C. Webster.

*Committee on Finance.*—Reps. Thomas C. Porter, S. B. Krogman, and R. W. Wharton.

*Committee on Elections and Returns.*—Reps. Chas. F. Classen, John T. Byron, and Samuel Leonard.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Deputy Grand Sentinel be compensated for his services, in the usual compensation.

On motion, at two o'clock, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*

*District Deputy Grand Patriarchs Appointed August, 1855.*


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|                   |                  |                                 |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Massasoit,        | 1, Boston,       | Grand Patriarch.                |
| Tri-Mount,        | 2, do.           | do. do.                         |
| Monomake,         | 4, Lowell,       | Robert J. Garrett.              |
| Bunker Hill,      | 5, Charlestown,  | Grand Patriarch.                |
| Mount Washington, | 6, South Boston, | do do.                          |
| Merrimack,        | 7, Newburyport,  | Philip K. Hills                 |
| Annawan,          | 8, New Bedford,  | J. W. Nickerson.                |
| Shalom,           | 12, Dorchester,  | John W. Porter.                 |
| Naumkeag,         | 13, Salem,       | James Kimball.                  |
| Naomi,            | 14, Taunton,     | Charles Foster.                 |
| Mount Holyoke,    | 15, Northampton, | Samuel Wells.                   |
| Wanackmamack,     | 16, Nantucket,   | William Summerhays.             |
| Grey Lock,        | 21, Lee,         | Job Robbins, jr.<br>Pittsfield. |
| Samaritan,        | 23, Chelsea,     | Grand Patriarch.                |
| Mount Hebron,     | 24, Stoughton,   | S. W. Hodges.                   |
| Agawam,           | 25, Springfield, | Samuel Leonard.                 |
| Metacomet,        | 26, Fall River,  | Robert C. Brown.                |
| Green River,      | 27, Greenfield,  | D. W. Alvord.                   |
| Iyanough,         | 29, Barnstable,  | Gorham Hallett.                 |
| Lawrence,         | 31, Lawrence,    | J. B. Atkinson.                 |



**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1855.**

| ENCAMPMENTS.      | Number. | Where Held.   | County.     | Initiated. | Rejected. | Admitted<br>by Card. | Withdrawn<br>by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended<br>and cause. | Expelled,<br>and cause. | Deaths. | No. deg's<br>conferred. | Exalted. | Contrib'g<br>members. | Amount of<br>receipts. | Percentage<br>due Grand<br>Encamp't. |
|-------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . . .  | 1       | Boston,       | Suffolk,    | 1          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | 1           | 2                       | ..                      | ..      | 3                       | 1        | 144                   | \$471 00               | \$12 00                              |
| Tri-Mount, . . .  | 2       | do.           | do.         | 4          | ..        | ..                   | 2                     | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | 14                      | 5        | 228                   | 892 65                 | 21 90                                |
| Monomake, . . .   | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex,  | ..         | ..        | 1                    | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 36                    | 79 00                  | 2 93                                 |
| Bunker Hill, . .  | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.         | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | 2           | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 83                    | 123 62                 | 6 22                                 |
| Mt. Washington,   | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | 24                      | 8        | 59                    | 90 00                  | 9 22                                 |
| Merimack, . . .   | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,      | 8          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 41                    | 46 73                  | 3 08                                 |
| Annanaw, . . .    | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,    | 2          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | 6                       | 2        | 27                    | 25 00                  | 3 23                                 |
| Shalom, . . .     | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 37                    | 33 75                  | 2 78                                 |
| Naunkeag, . . .   | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,      | 11         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | 31                      | 10       | 76                    | 228 24                 | 18 90                                |
| *Naomi, . . .     | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 44                    | ..                     | 3 30                                 |
| Mt. Holyoke, . .  | 15      | Northampton,  | Hampshire,  | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | 2                       | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 30                    | 38 50                  | 2 25                                 |
| Wanacknamack,     | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket,  | 1          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | 2                       | ..       | 45                    | 22 50                  | 4 23                                 |
| Grey Lock, . . .  | 21      | Lee,          | Berkshire,  | 4          | ..        | 1                    | 1                     | 2           | 4                       | ..                      | 1       | 10                      | 5        | 55                    | 131 49                 | 9 00                                 |
| *Samaritan, . .   | 23      | Chelsea,      | Suffolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 33                    | ..                     | ..                                   |
| Mt. Hebron, . .   | 24      | Stoughton,    | Norfolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | 1           | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 13                    | 9 00                   | 98                                   |
| Agawam, . . .     | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 36                    | 10 00                  | 2 70                                 |
| Metacomet, . . .  | 26      | Fall River,   | Bristol,    | 1          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | 3                       | 1        | 47                    | 54 00                  | 4 73                                 |
| *Green River, . . | 27      | Greenfield,   | Hampden,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 54                    | ..                     | ..                                   |
| Iyanough, . . .   | 29      | Barnstable,   | Barnstable, | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                      | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 27                    | ..                     | 2 03                                 |
| Lawrence, . . .   | 31      | Lawrence,     | Essex,      | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | 2                       | ..                      | ..      | ..                      | ..       | 21                    | 34 00                  | 1 58                                 |
| *No report.       |         |               |             | 32         |           | 1                    | 5                     | 4           | 10                      |                         | 1       | 93                      | 32       | 1136                  | \$2289.48              | 111 11                               |

*NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing July 1, 1855.*

| <i>C. P.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>H. P.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>S. W.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>J. W.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <i>Scribe.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>Treasurer.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 W. L. Deland,<br>2 Wm. A. Swift,<br>4 S. C. Maxfield,<br>5 Henry A. Rice,<br>6 Hiram A. Bowles,<br>7 S. H. Rundlett,<br>8 James Taylor,<br>12 John Robie,<br>13 A. H. Lord,<br>14 C. H. Stephens,<br>15 Wm. D. Clapp,<br>16 Wm. B. Starbuck,<br>21 Jas. S. Whitman,<br>23<br>24 Jas. T. Sumner,<br>25 Geo. W. Wilson,<br>26 Vernon Cook,<br>27<br>29 W. Farris,<br>31 John Beetle, | Jabez F. Hews,<br>E. G. Putnam,<br>M. J. Downing,<br>Wm. Hodgkins,<br>Edwin H. Gill,<br>S. S. Blake,<br>W. T. Drew,<br>Laban Pratt,<br>E. C. Webster,<br>J. W. Puffer,<br>W. Herrick,<br>G. W. Macy,<br>John Evans,<br>Ralph Houghton,<br>John Hall,<br>P. O. Brightman,<br>John Hawse,<br>Enoch Stiles, | Eldred Rand,<br>H. T. Spear,<br>L. P. Clifford,<br>Rufus Mason,<br>R. P. Richardson,<br>Thos. Pearson,<br>Zeno Kelley,<br>W. L. Clark,<br>Rufus B. Gifford,<br>S. N. Staples,<br>Enos Parsons,<br>C. R. Paddock,<br>Hiram Bliss,<br>S. P. Briggs,<br>S. R. Crane,<br>Geo. B. Durfee,<br>E. H. Ryder,<br>Horace Manley, | Sam'l T. Jeffers,<br>D. T. Mills,<br>E. Hills,<br>John Macomber,<br>Jos. Winsor, Jr.<br>Wm. Forbes,<br>Squire Sanford,<br>G. G. Dennison,<br>Andrew F. Wales,<br>Artimas Briggs,<br>W. C. Prentiss,<br>A. J. Morton,<br>J. A. Morey,<br>W. M. Briggs,<br>J. W. Crane,<br>Elisha Fuller,<br>Chas. Lewis,<br>Elkanah F. Bean, | Mortimer Lyon,<br>Wm. A. Bell,<br>A. B. Plympton,<br>J. C. Cutter,<br>G. H. Wheeler,<br>P. K. Hills,<br>J. W. Nickerson,<br>J. W. Porter,<br>E. B. Phillips,<br>Samson Briggs,<br>J. B. Auger,<br>Wm. H. Wait,<br>Wm. Jenkins,<br>S. W. Hodges,<br>Sam'l Leonard,<br>H. N. Gunn,<br>E. Lewis, 2d,<br>Thomas Scott, | Rich'd M. Baker.<br>Wm. H. Cook.<br>R. J. Garrett.<br>Edward Harding.<br>Sam. Newmarch.<br>Edward Burrill.<br>J. B. Hadley.<br>Stillman Stone.<br>Joseph Swasey.<br>C. Foster.<br>Charles Smith.<br>Joshua Parker.<br>H. H. Rideout.<br>Saml. W. Hodges.<br>S. S. Holmes.<br>T. J. Pickering.<br>J. A. Baxter.<br>Thomas Barr. |

*Abstract from the Annual Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of  
the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1855.*

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Initiations,.....              | 55        |
| “ Admitted by Card,.....                 | 4         |
| “ Withdrawn by Card,.....                | 10        |
| “ Reinstated,.....                       | 6         |
| “ Suspended for Non-payment of Dues,.... | 24        |
| “ Expelled,.....                         | 1         |
| “ of Deaths,.....                        | 9         |
| “ “ Past Chief Patriarchs,.....          | 225       |
| “ “ Past High Priests,.....              | 159       |
| “ “ Contributing Members,.....           | 1136      |
| Revenue,.....                            | \$3576,82 |

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RELIEF REPORT.

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Patriarchs Relieved,.....        | 77        |
| “ “ Widowed Families Relieved,.....        | 3         |
| “ “ Patriarchs Buried,.....                | 6         |
| Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs,..... | \$1391,35 |
| “ “ “ “ Widowed Families,....              | \$37,00   |
| “ “ “ Burying the Dead,.....               | \$98,62   |
| Total Amount of Relief,.....               | \$1526,97 |

**NAME, NUMBER, AND LOCATION OF THE SEVERAL  
ENCAMPMENTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
WITH THE NAMES OF MEMBERS, ARRANGED AC-  
CORDING TO STANDING.**

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**MASSASOIT, No. 1,—BOSTON,—Number of Members, 154.**

**P. C. PATRIARCHS.**

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Daniel Hersey,    | Alfred B. Ely,      |
| Hezekiah Prince,  | George H. Foote.    |
| Albert Guild,     | Charles Hayden,     |
| William Ellison,  | Judson Murdock,     |
| John R. Mullen,   | Warren Mallard,     |
| David Ayres,      | James W. Newcomb.   |
| John Binney,      | W. L. Ring,         |
| James M. Burgess, | John H. Pitman,     |
| N. Y. Culbertson, | S. G. Tower,        |
| Edmund C. Deming, | Elbridge G. Wallis, |
| Louis Dennis,     | Aram Youlin,        |

**P. H. PRIESTS.**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| William H. Jones,   | Joseph Newmarch,  |
| Dexter Bowker,      | E. W. Norris,     |
| Charles D. Cole,    | Abner W. Pollard, |
| W. L. Deland,       | Joshua H. Pitman, |
| Moses T. Durell,    | Samuel Prince,    |
| Alfred S. Ferguson, | L. M. Smith,      |
| Francis B. Kemp,    | Colling Stevens,  |
| Samuel B. Krogman,  | David W. Tarr,    |
| Mortimer Lyon,      | S. F. Wilson.     |

## ROYAL PURPLE.

Benjamin Allstram,  
 Edward Allyne,  
 H. K. Appleton.  
 Charles B. Baker,  
 Richard M. Baker,  
 George Baird,  
 H. A. Bement,  
 Louis Beck,  
 Weare D. Beckford,  
 Abraham F. Block,  
 Stephen R. Bowers,  
 O. P. Bowman,  
 Ira Bruce,  
 Sewell B. Bond,  
 Joseph J. Brugdon,  
 H. W. Brown,  
 Charles H. Bruce,  
 Cyrus Buttrick,  
 Jas. Burchstead,  
 Wm R. Butterworth,  
 Daniel C. Berry,  
 Joseph W. Coburn,  
 Leander Crosby,  
 A. W. Cross,  
 Wm. Crispin,  
 J. F. Currant,  
 Samuel Deering,  
 E. H. Doolittle,  
 S. E. Downs,  
 Horatio Ditson,  
 Joseph L. Drew,  
 Calvin P. Farnsworth,  
 Jacob Fellows,  
 Ezra Forristall,  
 Eben Flagg,  
 Hiram Fuller,  
 Josiah S. Fuller,  
 Louis Furst,

S. B. Fuller,  
 F. C. Gusbanato,  
 Tho's Griffin,  
 Joseph G. Haley,  
 Lorentz Hammar,  
 Thomas D. Hatch,  
 J. L. Harvey,  
 Jabez F. Hews,  
 Chas. F. Horne,  
 Henry P. Ingalls,  
 Samuel T. Jeffers,  
 A. A. Jerrauld,  
 Joseph P. Johnson,  
 Levi Kelly,  
 Thomas Knight,  
 Henry Kramer,  
 W. C. Lane,  
 John Lothrop,  
 John L. Lothrop,  
 Joseph Lovett,  
 John Low,  
 N. S. Lund,  
 J. C. Lund,  
 Levi Mann,  
 J. C. Mayo,  
 Joseph J. May,  
 Charles McCallum,  
 Wm. Mitchell,  
 E. B. Moore,  
 Nathan Morse,  
 L. D. Mudge,  
 Holmes Nash,  
 Bernard Nelson,  
 Richard Nichols,  
 Peter H. Niles,  
 William Orne,  
 Caleb Page,  
 S. S. Pettengill,

Dexter Perry,  
J. M. Pierce,  
Robert Pierce,  
Thomas S. Pitman,  
David Pitman,  
Charles Poole,  
William Pratt,  
J. M. Quimby,  
Eldred Rand,  
A. W. Rand,  
J. H. Rolland,  
Conrad Ruby,  
Wm. C. Sargent,  
George Shattuck,

Henry Sibley,  
E. S. Smith,  
D. C. Smith,  
William Smith,  
C. A. Somerby,  
Arthur Stuart,  
George W. Spurr,  
William Thompson.  
Charles F. Wakefield,  
Wm. H. Warner,  
Jacob Walden,  
Charles G. Wells,  
G. A. Wilbor,  
D. C. Webber.

TRI-MOUNT, No. 2,—BOSTON,—Number of Members, 228.

P. C. PATRIARCHS.

Edward Tyler,  
N. A. Thompson,  
Geo. Norton,  
Alfred Mudge,  
J. H. Hathorne.  
Horace Williams.  
Wm. A. Bell,  
E. P. Dolbeare, Jr.  
Wm. M. Nassau,  
Robert W. Hall,  
Wm. H. Cook,  
E. H. Tucker, Jr.  
A. B. Child,  
J. S. Jones,

J. P. Paine,  
Emerson Cooledge,  
H. W. Swett,  
Chas. Birchard.  
C. E. Buckingham,  
Thomas C. Porter,  
M. M. Sanders,  
J. B. Cook,  
Stephen Cain,  
Darius Forbes,  
Sam'l French, 2d.  
T. J. Leland,  
Wm. E. Parmenter,  
Elisha Pratt.

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## P. H. PRIESTS.

Isaac Adams,  
Wm. P. Baker.  
J. W. Barton,  
Edwin Brown,  
Sam'l Colcord,  
Chas. F. Classen.  
Rowland Cummings.  
J. C. Chase,  
Geo. L. Drinkwater,  
H. L. Devereux,  
Silas P. Knight,

J. P. Lovell,  
Leon'd Metcalf,  
Sam'l Nicolson,  
James Rice,  
G. N. Thomson,  
Robert Wharton,  
Levi Wilkins,  
H. D. Ward,  
T. J. Whittimore,  
E. M. P. Wells,  
Elias Whitney.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

S. S. Ames,  
Gaius W. Allen,  
H. N. Adams,  
Thacher Beal,  
L. B. Bacon,  
J. K. Bickum,  
J. R. Bugbee,  
Wm. K. Bacall,  
Trumbull Bull,  
W. W. Barker,  
E. D. Brigham,  
Henry Boyd,  
E. D. Bancroft,  
T. H. Bell, *P.H.P.*  
Chas. Butler,  
E. R. Butler,  
S. W. Burpee,  
J. E. Billings, *P.C.P.*  
C. F. Bagley,  
Sam'l C. Blake,  
L. Buoncore,  
Hiram Bates,  
Robert Cowdin,  
Isaac Cary,

*Bursley H. P.H.P.*

Geo. A. Curtis,  
C. N. Chandler,  
T. D. Chapman,  
P. B. Comins,  
E. W. Carpenter,  
Jos. Chapman,  
Charles Copeland,  
Geo. P. Clapp,  
Nath'l Carr.  
J. H. Collins,  
Wm. O. Cheswell,  
Seymour Chilson,  
James Durant,  
Wm. Durant,  
R. S. Denny,  
John R. Dow,  
John L. Dimmock.  
Joshua Dunbar,  
R. E. Demmon.  
C. H. De Rochmont,  
Hezekiah Earle, Jr.  
Thos. J. Falls,  
R. B. Fitts,  
W. E. Ford, *P.C.P.*

Jarius A. Frost,  
 John Farrington,  
 Horace Gates.  
 Charles P. Gordon.  
 Edw'd Goodwin,  
 J. B. Glover,  
 C. F. Geist,  
 James Gay,  
 Wm. Griffith,  
 J. W. Greenwood,  
 C. W. C. Grant,  
 H. D. Gilman,  
 Abraham Hews, Jr.  
 Calvin W. Haven,  
 Henry H. Hobart,  
 Sam'l Hunt, Jr.  
 Jas. W. Harris,  
 Wm. Heywood,  
 Levi H. Hayward,  
 C. B. Hildreth,  
 Joseph Hayden,  
 Porter Hartwell,  
 George Hovey,  
 B. Miles Howe,  
 L. P. Holden,  
 D. T. Haraden,  
 N. B. Howe.  
 Wm. Ingalls.  
 Isaac Jenkins,  
 Fred'k Jacobs,  
 Elisha Jacobs,  
 J. B. Jacobs,  
 A. D. Jaquith,  
 Wm. B. Kendall,  
 Reuben Kingsbury,  
 Wm. C. Knowlton,  
 Asa Law,  
 Joseph Lyon,  
 Harvey Lincoln,  
 Leavitt Lowd,

Wm. Leach,  
 Geo. W. Learnard.  
 Geo. Loudon,  
 Henry Lambert,  
 J. W. Lawrence,  
 J. H. Long.  
 J. B. Libbey,  
 Samuel Longley,  
 Geo. W. Leach,  
 James Mills,  
 Wm. N. Melcher,  
 Wm. B. May,  
 J. W. Merriam,  
 Wm. W. Mead,  
 C. J. Millard,  
 J. B. Mansfield,  
 James Marble,  
 J. O. Mason,  
 D. G. Mason,  
 E. N. Moore,  
 M. J. Mandell,  
 Seth H. Mason,  
 G. W. Merrill,  
 Chas. Montgomery,  
 D. T. Mills,  
 Lawrence Nichols,  
 R. W. Newell,  
 Wm. W. Ormsbee,  
 H. P. Parker,  
 Jonathan Peirce,  
 Giles Pike,  
 S. S. Pearce,  
 Oren Peck,  
 H. F. Parmelee,  
 Enoch Paige,  
 S. D. Prescott,  
 E. G. Putnam,  
 D. M. Parker,  
 Chas. S. Pike,  
 J. M. Plaisted

*P.H.P.*

*P.H.P.*

*P.H.P. S.P.*

*P.C.P.*

*P.C.P.*

*P.H.P.*

*P.C.P.*



*See Mr. Phelps.*

John Pear,  
Rodney Presby,  
Geo. W. Prescott,  
Isaiah Rogers,  
John Richards,  
Edw'd Raymond,  
S. S. Riddell,  
Geo. W. Robbins,  
Chas. B. Rice,  
Henry T. Spear, *P.M.P.*  
Eben'r Seaver,  
Hilliard Smith,  
Otis S. Savage,  
J. B. Starkweather,  
Eben'r Smith,  
D. H. Storer,  
D. B. Shipman,  
Ira E. Sanborn,  
Geo. L. Stafford,  
*T.F.* Franklin Smith,  
Chas Sargent,  
H. L. Sanger,  
D. S. Simpson,  
*S.S.* Wm. A. Swift, *P.P.P.*

Stephen Tucker,  
Robert N. Tullock,  
Nathan Underwood,  
Geo. R. Wells,  
John Wise,  
Lewis Wentworth,  
Albert G. Wilbor,  
Solomon Williams,  
Edw'd Wise,  
Aaron Walcott,  
Albra Wadleigh,  
Asahel Wheeler,  
Helidorus Wellington,  
Abram Whitney,  
V. St. Aubert Williams.  
R. F. Washburn,  
H. S. Wynn,  
A. P. White, *P.C.P.*  
C. H. Wetherbee,  
J. H. Wood,  
J. C. Warren,  
M. Whitten,  
J. B. Wheeler,  
H. S. Whitmore.

#### GOLDEN RULE.

Augustus Lathrop.

*6.8.8* MONOMAKE, No. 4,—LOWELL,—Number of Members, 36.

#### P. O. PATRIARCHS.

*6.8.8* Anson Huntington,  
I. W. Beard,  
E. Hill,  
*6.8.8* R. J. Garrett,  
A. B. Plimpton,  
G. F. Butterfield,  
A. S. Eaton.

George Fairgraves,  
T. C. Trow,  
T. Winslow,  
O. J. Conant,  
J. A. Denton,  
George Ashworth.

## P. H. PRIESTS.

N. B. Favor,  
Joshua Merritt,  
E. G. Richardson,

H. N. Moore,  
M. Whitney.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

George P. Kittridge,  
Abner Frost,  
J. B. Pierce,  
Frederic Parker,  
H. S. Orange,  
Weare Clifford,  
John Billings,  
L. P. Clifford,  
S. C. Maxfield,

M. J. Downing,  
G. W. Fullerton,  
Moses Rice,  
Willard Minot,  
S. S. Neally,  
E. B. Herrick,  
William A. Ela.  
George R. Rowe,  
Alexander Green.

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BUNKER HILL, No. 5,—CHARLESTOWN,—No. of Members, 83.

## P. C. PATRIARCHS.

H. Bailes Bramin,  
Isaac Cook,  
Isaac Cushing.  
William Caban,  
Nahum Chapin,  
Henry Conn.  
R. B. Edes, Jr.  
Thomas Greenleaf,  
Edward Harding,  
Thomas B. Harris,

Henry Lyon,  
Samuel Palmer,  
William W. Peirce,  
Caleb Rand,  
Charles Sanderson,  
J. A. D. Worcester,  
Edward Ward,  
Ashbell Waitt,  
Jonathan B. Wilson.

## P. H. PRIESTS.

Noah Butts,  
George E. Barstow,  
Benjamin Brintnall, Jr.  
Robert Beckford,  
J. Carter Cutter,  
Joseph Caldwell,

A. H. Cole,  
George Fuller,  
T. B. Richards,  
D. W. Sargent,  
G. R. Welch,  
Hiram Whitney.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

Hiram Averell,  
 David Allen,  
 Charles A. Barker,  
 Asa B. Barker,  
 Thomas Beddoe,  
 Gorham Bigelow,  
 J. O. Bradbury,  
 Moses Babcock,  
 Charles Collier,  
 W. H. Cutting,  
 O. C. Cutter,  
 B. M. Clark,  
 L. D. Carter,  
 M. G. Cobb,  
 U. W. Carr,  
 Jonathan Crocker,  
 A. W. Crowninshield,  
 Jacob Field,  
 Michael Hittinger,  
 H. Hutchinson,  
 William Hodgkins,  
 Joel T. Hale,  
 Rowland Hill,  
 Philip Ham,  
 William Ham,

Daniel Johnson,  
 J. M. Littlefield,  
 John Mullett,  
 Charles T. Mullett,  
 George H. Marden,  
 John Macomber,  
 Rufus Mason,  
 Samuel Nesbitt,  
 James A. Porter,  
 A. C. Patten,  
 Jonathan R. Rice,  
 Merrick Rice,  
 G. T. Ring,  
 H. A. Rice,  
 John Smith,  
 F. E. Skinner,  
 Daniel W. Shaw,  
 S. D. Skilton,  
 Charles Stinson,  
 Robert Todd,  
 H. B. Taft,  
 Asa Wellman,  
 Ebenezer White,  
 I. J. Wetherbee,  
 Samuel Woodbridge.

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MT. WASHINGTON, No. 6,—S. BOSTON,—No. of Members, 59.

## P. C. PATRIARCHS.

Charles D. Strong,  
 Reuben Wheeler,  
 Joseph Winsor, Jr.  
 Samuel Newmarch,  
 Daniel Hall,

Josiah A. Stearns,  
 Charles H. Reed,  
 George Page,  
 David C. Simpson,  
 Thompson Baxter.

## P. H. PRIESTS.

Edward R. Rich,  
Caleb Thurston,  
George H. Wheeler,  
John H. Graupner,

Alvin Howard,  
Ruel P. Richardson,  
Zedekiah Sanger,  
Daniel B. Curtis.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

Jacob Herrick,  
John W. Craft,  
Peter Otto,  
Allen Winsor,  
George B. Cordwell,  
Joseph P. Williams,  
Joseph D. Green,  
Hiram A. Bowles,  
Thomas Branigan,  
Henry Humphrey,  
Christian Karcher,  
Samuel G. McComb,  
Samuel Jordon,  
George Cullen,  
John C. Kellum,  
Robert Spear,  
Valentine Snider,  
Charles W. Rosenfeld,  
David Moss,  
G. Bartholemez,

John Shaffer,  
Jacob Ruby,  
Andrew Heinlein,  
Peter Lincoln,  
Edwin H. Gill,  
Judah Baker,  
F. F. Lundsteen,  
George B. Cole,  
William B. Harding,  
Lemon P. Harding,  
J. Friendlich,  
Philip Watcher,  
Jos. Bicknell,  
R. W. Bibber,  
S. S. Carnes,  
Mateas Stermle,  
Anton Jagar,  
Louis Dessaur,  
Henry Neiderurer,  
Henry Waterman.

## PATRIARCHAL.

Samuel Wolf,

Christian Dorr.

## MERRIMACK, No. 7,—NEWBURYPORT,—No. of Members, 41.

## P. C. PATRIARCHS.

Eben. S. Stearns,  
 George Emery,  
 P. K. Hills,  
 Edward Burrill,  
 Benj. F. Bartlett,  
 Charles R. Sargent,  
 Albert Currier,  
 Joseph W. Sargent,

William Forbes,  
 John Bartlett,  
 Sam'l S. Blake,  
 Nicholas Varina,  
 Amos F. Jaques,  
 Thomas Pearson,  
 Jon'n D. Rundlett,  
 Jon'n Lovering.

## P. H. PRIESTS.

Thomas H. Lord,  
 Edwin A. Eaton,  
 George R. Dodge,

John L. Knight,  
 Moses H. Sargent.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

John Akerman,  
 John C. Adams,  
 Nath'l M. Allen,  
 George W. Colby,  
 Joseph Danforth,  
 Joseph N. Danforth,  
 Wm. B. Eaton,  
 Benj. Edwards,  
 Edw. H. George,  
 Benj. E. Hoyt,

Jere. R. Ireland,  
 Frederic Knight,  
 Alfred Pillsbury,  
 Isaac Pearson,  
 Mark R. Pearson,  
 Sam'l H. Rundlett,  
 Nath'l D. Tilton,  
 L. C. Wadleigh,  
 James Webster,  
 Rufus M. Yale.

## ANAWAN, No. 8,—NEW BEDFORD,—Number of Members, 27.

## P. C. PATRIARCHS.

William H. Taylor,  
 Timothy Ingraham,  
 James L. Barney,  
 John W. Nickerson,  
 James Taylor,  
 John A. P. Allen,

Frederick P. Chase,  
 Moses W. Thomas,  
 Charles Searell,  
 Edward Stetson,  
 Stephen G. Driscoll,  
 Jacob B. Hadley.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

John Fuller,  
W. N. Ellis,  
William Read,  
Zeno Kelley,  
Hiram D. Wentworth,  
Henry D. Bourne,  
Wanton T. Drew,  
R. W. Raymond,

Thomas P. Swift,  
Benjamin Worth,  
Joseph Hathaway,  
William H. Herron,  
Daniel Montague,  
Amos Chase, Jr.  
Squire Sanford.

SHALOM, No. 12,—DORCHESTER,—Number of Members, 37.

## P. C. PATRIARCHS.

Joseph Byron,  
John T. Byron,  
H. H. Cloud,  
Thomas W. Capen,  
G. B. Davis,  
George Dodge,  
J. F. S. Huddleston,

Edward S. Howe,  
Stillman Stone,  
Eliphalet Stone,  
William Withington,  
S. B. Hildreth,  
J. W. Follansbee.

## P. H. PRIESTS.

B. Boegner,  
Moses Gleason,  
N. Haley,  
Robert Rhodes,

Asa Wyman, Sen.  
Asa Wyman, Jr.  
John W. Porter,  
William D. Byron.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

John Robie,  
George Frost,  
B. F. Hebard,  
E. W. Ruggles,  
Daniel Spear,  
William L. Clark,  
Charles Alden,  
J. S. Bates,

J. G. Brown,  
George W. Billings,  
G. G. Dennison,  
Laban Pratt,  
James B. Hill,  
Philharmon Ruggles,  
Thomas H. Tilden.

NAUMKEAG, No. 13,—SALEM,—Number of Members, 76.

P. C. PATRIARCHS.

William Archer, Jr.  
 Samuel B. Foster,  
 John C. Howard,  
 Walter S. Harris,  
 James Kimball,  
 Jonathan Perley, Jr.  
 Jefford M. Decker,  
 Joseph Farnum, Jr.

John White,  
 Robert P. Clough,  
 James H. Conrey,  
 Edward C. Webster,  
 Alvah A. Evans,  
 Edward B. Phillips,  
 Isaac Young.

P. H. PRIESTS.

Israel D. Shepard,  
 William Saunders, Jr.  
 John W. Rhoades,  
 Simeon Flint,  
 Enoch K. Noyes,

George H. Peirson,  
 Joshua W. Moulton,  
 Thomas Oakes,  
 Richard G. Goss.

ROYAL PURPLE.

Nathaniel Goldsmith,  
 Philip Abbott,  
 George D. Glover,  
 Joseph W. Luscomb,  
 Alfred R. Brooks,  
 Amos Henfeild,  
 John L. Marks,  
 Richard Pease,  
 Charles Price,  
 James Clark,  
 John P. Punchard,  
 James Harris, Jr.  
 Erastus Hoyt,  
 Nathaniel Wiggin,  
 Moses H. Sibley,  
 Benjamin Brown,  
 John Conway, Jr.

Joseph C. Trask,  
 Joseph Smith,  
 Daniel C. Manning,  
 Michael B. Gregory,  
 Thomas Main,  
 Samuel R. Masury,  
 John G. Flanders,  
 Edward Samson,  
 Joseph Swasey,  
 Edward A. Smith,  
 Daniel T. Smith,  
 Rodney C. Fletcher,  
 Charles B. Luscomb,  
 Paul Hildreth,  
 Andrew F. Wales,  
 John Hayman,  
 Samuel Brown, 3d.

Thomas W. Webber,  
Eben Graves,  
Joseph S. Rowe,  
George W. Seaverns,  
Andrew H. Lord,  
Samuel G. Jones,  
Thomas T. Paine,  
Rufus B. Gifford,  
Joseph J. Rider,

John B. Parker,  
Richard L. Woodfin,  
John R. Smith,  
Nicholas Woodbury,  
Benjamin W. Standley,  
Charles Haddock,  
William A. Foster,  
John H. Young.

**PATRIARCHAL.**

G. F. Sanger.

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NAOMI, No. 14—TAUNTON,—Number of Members, 44.

**P. C. PATRIARCHS.**

James M. Cook,  
James P. Ellis,  
Lawson Blood,  
Charles H. Stephens,  
Peter Chick,

Nathaniel W. Richmond,  
William M. Hale,  
Aruna A. Leach,  
Augustus T. Brown.

**P. H. PRIESTS.**

E. Dawes Tisdale,  
Charles Foster,  
Sylvanus Thayer,  
D. S. Dickerman,  
Abial B. Crane,

Joseph W. Puffer,  
William H. Brown,  
Matthew M. Cook,  
Henry W. Coggs shall.

• **ROYAL PURPLE.**

James Swasey,  
Thomas R. Drake,  
Ansel Howard,  
James Wilmarth,  
James B. Dean,  
Barney Crossman,

Sylvanus N. Staples,  
John P. Crane,  
Thomas W. Keth,  
Samuel W. Tinkham,  
Henry A. Dary,  
James Fisher,



William R. Pierce,  
 Noah Kettell,  
 Charles M. Monagel,  
 Rufus Smith,  
 Artemas Briggs,  
 George G. Lyon,  
 Julius Wilson,

John A. Peckham,  
 Edwin Hathaway,  
 R. H. Evans,  
 Leonard Barrows,  
 Hiram Burt,  
 Henry S. Chandler,  
 Elias Strange.

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MT. HOLYOKE, No. 15,—NORTHAMPTON,—No. of Members, 30.

P. C. PATRIARCHS.

A. H. Bullen,  
 Lewis Bliss,  
 Enos Parsons,  
 W. C. Prentiss,  
 James Morton.

J. B. Augur,  
 C. M. Alvord,  
 W. A. Arnold,  
 Justin Thayer.

P. H. PRIESTS.

Samuel Wells,  
 A. S. Peck,  
 W. Herrick,

J. L. Wells,  
 J. Thompson,

ROYAL PURPLE.

Chas. D. Bartlett,  
 L. S. Bliss,  
 Wm. Clark, Jr.  
 Lucius Clark,  
 J. R. Dickinson,  
 W. R. Holliday,  
 Lyman Kingsley,  
 M. G. Morris,

E. A. Potter,  
 Alexander Pettebone,  
 Chas. Smith,  
 J. H. Searl,  
 Ansel Wright,  
 Geo. F. Wright,  
 J. W. Woodard,  
 Wm. D. Clapp.

WANACKMAMACK, No. 16—NANTUCKET,—No. of Members, 45.

P. C. PATRIARCHS.

Wm. E. Chase,  
E. F. Easton,  
Jas. Thompson,  
Geo. W. Macy,

Wm. Summerhays,  
Benj. Field,  
A. J. Morton.

P. H. PRIESTS.

Wm. H. Waitt,  
Wm. B. Starbuck,

Chas. R. Paddock,  
Allen Smith.

ROYAL PURPLE.

H. C. Pinkham,  
Joshua Parker,  
Wm. Calder,  
Jos. Coffin,  
Robert Lee,  
Wm. H. Coffin,  
Jas. H. Barnard,  
Richard Mitchell, Jr.  
Wm. C. Dorman,  
Geo. Harris,  
Francis M. Mitchell,  
Isaiah F. Robinson,

Wm. M. Bates,  
Barzillai R. Burdett,  
Perry Winslow,  
Nathan Parker,  
Geo. W. Jenks,  
Jas. C. Starbuck,  
Daniel Russell, Jr.  
David Bunker, 2d,  
Lewis B. Imbert,  
Chas. A. Bourne,  
David G. Patterson,  
Manuel Enos.

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GREY LOCK, No. 21—PITTSFIELD,—Number of Members, 55.

The Grand Scribe has written to the Scribe of this Encampment twice, for a list of its members, but has received no answer.

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SAMARITAN, No. 23—CHELSEA,—Number of Members, 33.

This Encampment has made no Return for last term, and has furnished no list of Members' Names.

MT. HEBRON, No. 24—STOUGHTON,—Number of Members, 13

P. C. PATRIARCHS.

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Nathan Withington, Jr. | Daniel Howard, |
| Samuel W. Hodges,      | Barnard Green. |
| James T. Sumner,       |                |

P. H. PRIESTS.

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| William Tozer,   | George Marden, |
| Jefferson Fittz, | John Fanning.  |

ROYAL PURPLE.

|                    |                 |
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| Shepard P. Briggs, | Ralph Houghton, |
| William M. Briggs, | John Woodbury.  |

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AGAWAM, No. 25—SPRINGFIELD,—Number of Members, 36.

P. C. PATRIARCHS.

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| James M. Thompson, | Orson Swetland, |
| William Hankerson, | Harvey Danks,   |
| G. W. Wilson,      | S. S. Holmes,   |
| H. F. Gardner,     | Nathan Nevers,  |
| E. Trask,          | Samuel Leonard, |
| C. W. Kimball,     | S. T. Averill,  |
| Moses Lyman,       | L. O. Hanson,   |
| M. J. Sanborn,     | Adam Walker.    |

P. H. PRIESTS.

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| George Smith, | Sidney Ross. |
| John Hall,    |              |

## ROYAL PURPLE.

J. W. Crane,  
George Hinsdell,  
F. Richmond,  
A. Wilbar,  
Sherman Bates,  
Jones Wright,  
S. R. Crane,  
J. G. Taylor,  
John M. Whitney,

D. K. Lee,  
Nathaniel Howland,  
D. S. McLane,  
R. S. Howard,  
S. K. Clapp,  
Lewis Clark,  
Edward Peck,  
J. W. Marsh.

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METACOMET, No. 26—FALL RIVER,—Number of Members, 47.

## P. C. PATRIARCHS.

Robert C. Brown,  
George E. Lyon,  
Perry Gifford,  
Henry Lyon,  
James Ford, 2d,  
George W. Stevens,  
Thomas J. Pickering,  
Asa Pettey, Jr.

John B. Hathaway,  
Alvan J. Ballard,  
William Davenport,  
Job G. Dean,  
Anslem D. Hatch,  
Perez O. Brightman,  
John E. Grouard.

## P. H. PRIESTS.

Thomas T. Potter,  
Horatio A. Gunn,  
Ebenezer T. Learned,  
William A. Burt,

Edwin Shaw,  
Thomas Burch,  
Benjamin H. Davis.

**ROYAL PURPLE.**

James Fisher,  
 Lewis H. Adams,  
 Benjamin M. Simmons,  
 James D. Albro,  
 Joshua Smith,  
 Daniel Stillwell,  
 Joshua Kennison,  
 Elisha D. Hathaway,  
 Jirah B. Pettey,  
 Charles G. Pettey,  
 Rufus T. Fuller,  
 Horatio N. Darling,  
 William H. Brown,

Walter Cobb,  
 George S. Orr,  
 Francis B. Read,  
 Vernon Cook,  
 Edward W. Brown,  
 George B. Durfee,  
 Benjamin F. Simmons,  
 John James,  
 Elisha Fuller,  
 Joseph H. Lawton,  
 Amos P. Oswell,  
 Henry Field.

**GREEN RIVER, No. 27—GREENFIELD,—No. of Members, 54.**

This Encampment has made no return for last term, and has not furnished the Grand Scribe with a list of members.

**IYANOUGH, No. 29,—BARNSTABLE,—Number of Members, 27.**

**P. C. PATRIARCHS.**

John A. Baxter,  
 Gorham Hallet,  
 O. M. Hinckley,  
 S. H. Small,  
 Charles Lewis,

David Chubbs,  
 M. C. Baker,  
 R. S. Pope,  
 Allan Baxter.

**P. H. PRIESTS.**

E. Lewis, 2d.  
 Edwin Baxter,  
 Sylvester Baxter,

John Hawes,  
 E. H. Ryder.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

O. B. Bearse,  
Charles Sears,  
Isaac Taylor,  
Sylvester Bearse,  
Higgins Crowell,

Jacob P. Hallet,  
Erastus Chase,  
Winthrop Sears,  
H. N. Thayer,  
J. H. Eldridge.

## GOLDEN RULE.

William Hafford.

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LAWRENCE, No. 31,—LAWRENCE,—No. of Members, 21.

## P. C. PATRIARCHS.

John B. Atkinson,  
Thomas Barr,  
John T. Loring,

Thomas Scott,  
T. B. Wilson.

## P. H. PRIESTS.

John Beetle.

## ROYAL PURPLE.

Alfred Showell,  
Ira Linnell,  
Henry Barnes,  
Timothy Smith,  
Alonzo V. B. King,  
Benj. Griffin,  
Horace Manly,  
Josiah A. Sawtell,

Simon F. Mason,  
Joseph Morris,  
Enoch Styles,  
E. F. Bean,  
J. D. Drew,  
R. G. Durgin,  
Joshua Prouty.



**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASS.**  
**I. O. O F O. F.**

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**ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BOSTON,**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 11th, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day on the call of the R. W. G. Patriarch, a quorum being present.

The following officers were present :

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Chas. E. Buckingham, | M. W. Grand Patriarch.     |
| Enos H. Tucker, Jr.  | M. E. High Priest.         |
| John W. Porter,      | R. W. Grand Senior Warden. |
| Samuel W. Hodges,    | R. W. Grand Junior Warden. |
| Alfred Mudge,        | R. W. Grand Scribe.        |
| William H. Cook,     | R. W. Grand Treasurer.     |
| William P. Baker,    | W. Grand Sentinel.         |
| Mortimer Lyon,       | W. D. Grand Sentinel.      |

Prayer was offered by the M. E. Grand High Priest, after which the Grand Encampment was declared open for the transaction of business.



The following order of notice was then read by the Grand Scribe.

**I. O. of O. F.**

Office of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts,  
Boston, Sept. 1, 1855.

A Special Session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, will be held at Odd Fellow's Hall, (corner of Essex and Rowe Streets,) on Tuesday, September 11th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; for the purpose of electing a Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, vice P. G. P. Robert C. Brown, resigned.

Per order of the M. W. Grand Patriarch,

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*

The following Credentials were received and presented to the Committee.

**BUNKER HILL ENCAMPMENT, No. 5.**—P. C. P. Isaac Cook, Isaac Cushing, Wm. Caban, Nahum Chapin, Henry Conn, R. B. Edes, jr., Thos. Greenleaf, Edward Harding, T. B. Harris, Henry Lyon, Samuel Palmer, W. W. Peirce, Caleb Rand, Chas. Sanderson, J. A. D. Worcester, E. Ward, Ashbell Waite, J. B. Wilson, H. B. Bramin. P. H. P. Noah Butts, Geo. E. Barstow, Benj. Brintnall, jr., Robert Bickford, J. C. Cutter, James Caldwell, A. H. Cole, George Fuller, T. B. Richards, D. W. Sargent, G. R. Welch, and Hiram Whitney.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported the Certificates of Representatives from No. 5 to be correct, and that Rep. Warren Mellin, of No. 1, and Reps. M. M. Sanders and Leonard Metcalf of No. 2, were in waiting for instruction, their certificates having been received at August session.

The Patriarchs in waiting were then introduced and instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree.

The Grand Scribe then read the following communication from Grand Representative Robt. C. Brown.

FALL RIVER, Aug. 25, 1855.

Chas. H. Buckingham, Esq., Grand Patriarch.

Dear Sir and Brother.—My engagements are such that I shall not be able to attend the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and therefore must resign my office of Grand Representative.

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Yours, fraternally,

ROBERT C. BROWN.

On motion of Rep. David Ayers, it was resolved to proceed to nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Past Grand High Priests William A. Bell and Caleb Rand, and Reps. Horace Williams, a Committee to attend the ballot, who subsequently reported the following :

|                         |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Newell A. Thompson, had | - | - | - | 31 |
| David Ayers,            | - | - | - | 2  |
| Philip K. Hills,        | - | - | - | 1  |
| Alfred Mudge,           | - | - | - | 1  |
| William A. Bell,        | - | - | - | 1  |
| Chas. E. Buckingham,    | - | - | - | 1  |

Reps. Ayers, Mudge, Bell and Buckingham, declined standing as candidates.

The Encampment then proceeded to election, and the Committee reported the following result :

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Whole number of votes, | 41       |
| Necessary to a choice, | 21       |
| Newell A. Thompson has | - - - 37 |
| Philip K. Hills,       | - - - 3  |
| Alfred Mudge,          | - - - 1  |

Rep. N. A. Thompson was declared elected.

The Grand Scribe then read the following notice, calling a special meeting of this Grand Encampment for the purposes therein specified.

Boston, September 10, 1855.

Alfred Mudge, R. W. Grand Scribe of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.

Dear Sir and Brother : You are requested to call a Special Meeting of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, on Tuesday, September 11th, 1855, at 11¼ o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of acting upon a petition from Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, for permission to remove from Lee to Pittsfield.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,  
GRAND PATRIARCH.

After Prayer by the M. E. High Priest, the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts adjourned.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe.*

**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASS.**  
**I. O. O F O. F.**

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**ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BOSTON,**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 11, 11¼ o'clock.**

The Grand Encampment met on call of the Grand Patriarch for business, contained in the following notice which was read, after the Encampment was opened in due form.

Boston, September 10, 1855.

Alfred Mudge, R. W. Grand Scribe of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.

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Respectfully and fraternally yours,

**CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,**  
**GRAND PATRIARCH.**

All the officers present.

The following Petition from Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, was then read :

**GREY LOCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F.**  
*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The officers and members of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, I. O. O. F., have instructed the undersigned, by a vote of this Encampment

this evening, September 7th, 1855, to petition your Grand Body for leave to remove this Encampment back to Pittsfield from Lee, the first Friday in January, 1856. Therefore, we, the officers of Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21, in accordance with a vote as above, would most respectfully ask leave of your R. W. Grand Body that this Encampment may perform its work at Pittsfield, on and after January the 4th, 1856.

[Seal.]

JAMES S. WHITMAN, C. P.  
JOHN EVANS, H. P.  
HIRAM BLISS, S. W.

LEE, SEPT. 7, 1855.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, seconded by Rep. Thompson, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

After prayer by the M. E. High Priest, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 12, M. the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,  
*Grand Scribe.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Encampment,

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

State of Massachusetts,

AT ITS SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ODD FELLOWS HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON,

FEBRUARY 6th, 1856.



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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
I. O. OF O. F.

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ODD FELLOWS HALL, BOSTON,  
*Wednesday, Feb. 6, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Semi-Annual Session, when the following were present :

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| CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM, | Grand Patriarch.   |
| ENOS H. TUCKER,        | " High Priest.     |
| JOHN W. PORTER,        | " Senior Warden.   |
| ALFRED MUDGE,          | " Scribe.          |
| CALEB RAND,            | " Junior Warden.   |
| WM. H. COOK,           | " Grand Treasurer. |
| JOSEPH BYRON,          | " Representative.  |

and a due representation from the subordinate encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of P. G. H. P. William A. Bell, the reading of the Records of the last session was dispensed with, and they were approved.



The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report on additional Representatives' Certificates, which was accepted, and the candidates were admitted and instructed:

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on Elections and Returns report, respectfully, that they have examined the following Returns, and find them correct:

TRI-MOUNT, No. 1.—P. C. P. William A. Swift.

AGAWAM, No. 25 —P. C. P. William Hankerson.

METACOMET, No. 26 —Past Grand Patriarch Robert C. Brown. P. C. P's Geo. G. Lyon, Perry Gifford, Henry Lyon, James Ford, 2d, George W. Stevens, Thos. J. Pickering, Asa Petty, Jr., John B. Hathaway, A. S. Bullard, Job G. Dean, A. D. Hatch, P. O. Brightman, John E. Grouard, Vernon Cook.

P. H. P's Thomas T. Potter, Horace N. Gunn, E. T. Learned, William A. Burt, Edwin Shaw, William Davenport, Thomas Burch.

The Grand Patriarch decided that a P. C. P. or P. H. P. although elected a Representative, could not be admitted without credentials.

P. C. P. Wm. A. Swift of Tri-Mount and P. C. P. Vernon Cook of Metacomet, were admitted and instructed.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass.*

The Grand Scribe would submit his Semi-Annual Report on Returns for the term ending with December 31st, 1855.

The whole number of Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction is nineteen.

He has received returns from Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 24, 25, 26, 31,—all of which are correct.

He has also received returns from Nos 6 and 29, which are incorrect, to wit.—No. 6 error in number and standing; No. 29 number and standing of members not given, and by return nothing received or paid out.

No. 21 cannot be examined, as the July return was incorrect, and the request of Grand Scribe to correct the same not having been complied with.

Wanackmamack, No. 16, and Green River, No. 27, have made no returns.

Samaritan, No. 23, Chelsea, has resigned its charter.

Respectfully submitted, ALFRED MUDGE.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and laid on the table.

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

Dr.

|              |                                                      |          |          |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1855—Aug. 1. | To balance in hand,                                  | \$ 61 68 |          |
| 1856—Feb. 1. | To cash received at sundry times for dues and Cards, | 137 70   |          |
|              |                                                      | <hr/>    | \$199 38 |

Cr.

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|--------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1856—Feb. 1. | Expenses of office,        | \$ 1 68 |          |
|              | Cash paid Grand Treasurer, | 175 00  |          |
|              | Balance in hand,           | 22 70   |          |
|              |                            | <hr/>   | \$199 38 |

Respectfully submitted,  
ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report which was laid on the table.

### *Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass. I. O. O. F.*

BOSTON, FEB. 6, 1856.

WILLIAM H. COOK, Treasurer, Dr.

|               |                          |         |          |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1855—July 30. | To Cash balance,         | \$98 69 |          |
| 1856—Feb. 4.  | To Cash of Grand Scribe, | 175 00  |          |
|               |                          | <hr/>   | \$273 69 |

CONTRA, Cr.

|              |                                  |        |          |
|--------------|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1855—Sept.   | By Cash paid Grand Lodge U. S.   | 100 00 |          |
| 1856—Feb. 1. | “ A. Mudge, six months salary,   | 25 00  |          |
| 1856—Feb. 1. | “ A. Mudge & Son, bill printing, | 74 49  |          |
| 1856—Feb. 4. | “ to balance,                    | 74 20  |          |
|              |                                  | <hr/>  | \$273 69 |

Respectfully submitted, WM. H. COOK, *Gd. Treas.*

The Finance Committee submitted their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts :*

The Finance Committee having attended to the duties assigned them, would respectfully report. They have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

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| They find the Grand Scribe had Aug. 1, a balance of | \$ 61 68 |
| And he has received for dues, fines, &c., . . . .   | 137 70   |

|                                           |         |          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Amounting to . . . .                      |         | \$199 38 |
| He has paid for postage, &c., . . . .     | \$ 1 68 |          |
| “ “ “ to Grand Treasurer, . . . .         | 175 00  |          |
| And has a balance in his hands of . . . . | 22 70   |          |

|                                             |          |  |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| The Grand Treasurer had on hand Aug. 1, . . | \$98 69  |  |
| And has received from Grand Scribe, . . . . | 175 00   |  |
|                                             | \$273 69 |  |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| He has paid sundry bills, and to Grand Scribe, Salary, . . . . | 199 49   |  |
| And has a balance in his hands of . . . .                      | 74 20    |  |
|                                                                | \$273 69 |  |

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|------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| The assets of the Grand Encampment, are as follows : |         |          |
| Cash in hands of Grand Scribe, . . . .               | 22 70   |          |
| “ “ “ Treasurer, . . . .                             | 74 20   |          |
| Due from Subordinates, dues, . . . .                 | 38 87   |          |
| “ “ “ fines, . . . .                                 | 15 00   |          |
|                                                      | \$53 87 | \$150 77 |

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|--------------------------------------------|-------|--|
| They owe the Grand Lodge for rent, . . . . | 25 00 |  |
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| Leaving the total assets of Grand Encampment, . . | \$125 77 |
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All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

THOMAS C. PORTER.  
R. W. WHARTON.

*Finance Committee.*

*Boston, February 3, 1856.*

The reports of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were taken from the table, accepted and placed on file.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-annual Communication, which was read, accepted, and

on motion, referred to Reps. Wm. H. Bell, H. Prince and J. P. Paine.

### *Grand Patriarch's Communication.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Patriarchs of the R. W. Grand Encampment; at the last annual session of this body, it was not supposed, that you would meet again, until August next; but, by an oversight, the amendment to the Constitution was not presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in September last, and by the laws of the Order it is of no effect.

So much work will necessarily come before this Grand Encampment, for the next year or two, that it may well be considered by you, whether a twelve months vacation is not too long, unless, you, by resolution or act, provide for the appointment of a Board of Grand Officers, who shall have full powers to act for you.

The doubt, whether the Grand Patriarch himself had such power, led to the calling of the special session, in September last, at which you elected Past Grand High Priest Newell A. Thompson, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, by almost unanimous vote.

The interest of our Order, in Massachusetts, in the Patriarchal branch, seems to have been almost regularly diminishing since the annual session in 1849, when we had nearly eighteen hundred patriarchs, to the present time, when we number only one thousand and thirty-nine, allowing in this estimate the membership of Wanackmamack Encampment for the last term, but which has made no return; and Iyanough Encampment, which returns but one member, and he of the Golden Rule degree, and of course not entitled to be counted.

There are several subordinates, which will undoubtedly give up work before long. If they cannot sustain themselves, the sooner they close up their affairs, in an honorable manner, the better will it be for themselves and for us. District Deputy Leonard reports his fear that Agawam Encampment must give up its charter. Green River and Samaritan Encampments have long since voted to surrender their charters, (that of Samaritan Encampment has been delivered,) and I have reason to believe, that Iyanough has had but one meeting for over six months.

Samoset Encampment has been dead for a long time; but I cannot find, that any final action has ever been taken concerning it, and I imagine that the stench of its iniquity, will be the only guide to the place of its uneasy rest. It is my advice, that a formal vote to expel it should be passed.

There are other subordinates, whose light appears to be flickering, and which will undoubtedly expire before many terms have passed by. It is for you to take measures to support them, or to give them such attention, at least, as will prevent an unintentional violation of solemn obligation.

Discouraging as the prospect appears to many of us, I do not believe, that this body will, of necessity, die; but I am convinced, that its field of labor will be within a few years restricted to this neighborhood; where alone there are enough lodges to sustain it. One lodge is not enough to support an encampment, nor are two; and the establishment of a subordinate encampment, in a town with but one lodge, is apparently a load heavy enough to crush that one. It is not for us to criticise the doings of our predecessors, for doing what they thought to be for the benefit of the patriarchal branch; but it is for us to learn from the experience, taught us by them, in good faith.

There are several reasons for the decline of our numerical strength, besides the paucity of lodge members.

1. The want in many instances of efficient scribes, whose duty is to collect the dues, as well as to keep the records.

2. The too frequent changing of treasurers and other financial officers.

3. The desire of political preferment, which has of late years so bewildered the intellects and hearts of many of our brethren, that they have forgotten their duty to each other, in their hankering for petty offices.

4. The want of the principle of truth, which is shown by every brother of our Order, who has suffered himself to be suspended for non-payment of dues, in violation of his first obligation as an Odd Fellow.

But whatever may be the reasons, the facts are none the less true; and it is for you, Worthy Patriarchs to take some action towards restoring the weak, or burying their remains.

You will find, among the papers of the Grand Patriarch, a correspondence with M. W. Grand Master William H. Cook, of Virginia, concerning the epidemic at Norfolk and Portsmouth, with other papers relating to that scourge, which may yet visit us and try the Friendship, Love and Truth of Massachusetts Odd Fellows, as it has those of Virginia, South Carolina and Louisiana. Should that day come, I doubt not we shall be as faithful to our trust as they have been.

You will also find a correspondence with deputies and patriarchs upon subjects connected with the "good of the Order," numbered from one to twenty inclusive. Among these are the reports of the District Deputies, which have been received.

The business of the Grand Encampment is such, that a change of our hour of meeting, from nine in the morning to a later hour of the day will be desirable; and as many of you come from a great distance, I would suggest that the Constitution be altered, so as to bring our sessions upon the evenings preceeding the meetings of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM.

*Grand Patriarch.*

The Grand Encampment took a recess of fifteen minutes, after which the committee on the Grand Patriarch's communication made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The committee, to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, have attended to that duty and respectfully report:

That so much as relates to the "twelve month's vacation" be referred to a special committee, consisting of P. G. P. John R. Mullen; P. G. H. P. Charles Hayden; P. G. P. Robert C. Brown.

That so much as relates to Wanackmamack and Iyanough Encampments and the subjects suggested in connection therewith, be referred to the Grand Officers with full powers.

That the correspondence and reports of District Deputies be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the matter of change of hour of meeting, be referred to a special committee, consisting of P. G. P. P. E. Hills; P. H. P. Robert Wharton; G. H. P. Enos H. Tucker.

WM. A. BELL,  
H. PRINCE,  
J. P. PAINE.

Past G. P. Mullin from the committee on the twelve month's vacation, made the following report, which was read, and after discussion was laid on the table for action at the annual session.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as refers to the twelve month's term, have examined the subject as much as time will permit, and Report:

Your Committee believing that the interest of the Patriarchal Branch will be advanced by semi-annual meetings of this Grand

Encampment would respectfully recommend, that this Grand Encampment rescind the vote past at the last session, by which it voted to meet but once a year.

JOHN B. MULLIN,  
R. C. BROWN.

The committee on the State of the Order not being all present, the Grand Patriarch appointed upon it, in place of the absentees, Reps. W. A. Bell and R. J. Garrett. This Committee reported as follows :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Patriarch, and the District Deputies Reports, have examined the same and find nothing contained therein requiring special legislation ; they therefore respectfully Report :

That these matters be referred to the Grand Officers, with full powers to publish such portion of the same in the proceedings of the Grand Encampment, as they shall deem expedient.

JOHN R. MULLIN,  
WM. A. BELL,  
R. J. GARRETT.

On motion the report and its recommendation were accepted and adopted.

Rep. E. Niles, from the committee on the charge of leave of meeting, made the following report which was accepted, and the By-laws were amended, in accordance with the recommendation.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as refers to the hour of meeting, would recommend that Art. 1, Sec. 1, of the By-laws of this Grand Encampment be so amended as to read, after the word Sessions, at two o'clock, P. M., instead 9 o'clock, A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HILLS,  
R. WHARTON. } Committee.  
E. H. TUCKER,

At the request of the Grand Patriarch, and on motion of Past Grand Patriarch Prince, the following resolution was passed, viz.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the elective Grand Officers shall constitute a Board of Grand Officers to act in conjunction with the Grand Patriarch, as an executive committee, during the recesses of the Grand Encampment.

R. W. Grand Rep. Wm. A. Bell, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and M. W. Past Grand Patriarch John R. Mullin, at the request of the Grand Patriarch and R. W. Grand Rep. Joseph Byron, rehearsed the work of the Patriarchal Branch, after which the Grand Encampment closed in due form.

Attest,

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*



**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending Dec. 31, 1855.**

| ENCAMPMENTS.     | Where Held.     | County.     | Initiated. | Rejected. | Admitted<br>by Card. | Withdrawn<br>by Card. | Suspended,<br>and cause. | Expelled,<br>and cause. | Deaths,<br>conferred. | Expired. | Contributing<br>members. | Amount of<br>receipts. | Percentage<br>due Grand<br>Encamp't. |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . .   | 1 Boston,       | Suffolk,    | 2          | 1         | 1                    | 2                     | 5                        | 1                       | 6                     | 2        | 139                      | \$276 00               | \$13 32                              |
| Tri-Mount, . .   | 2 do.           | do.         | 6          | 1         | 1                    | 1                     | 2                        | ..                      | 19                    | 7        | 233                      | 584 67                 | 25 68                                |
| Monomake, . .    | 4 Lowell,       | Middlesex,  | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 36                       | 50 33                  | 2 70                                 |
| Bunker Hill, . . | 5 Charlestown,  | do.         | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | 5                        | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 75                       | 294 32                 | 5 62                                 |
| Mt. Washington,  | 6 South Boston, | Suffolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | ..                       | 1                       | 8                     | 2        | 64                       | 65 00                  | 7 65                                 |
| Merrimack, . .   | 7 Newburyport,  | Essex,      | 5          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 40                       | 8 50                   | 3 00                                 |
| Annawan, . .     | 8 New Bedford,  | Bristol,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | 6                        | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 21                       | 15 57                  | 1 54                                 |
| Shalón, . .      | 12 Dorchester,  | Norfolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | 2                        | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 35                       | 54 50                  | 2 62                                 |
| Naumkeag, . .    | 13 Salem,       | Essex,      | 2          | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | ..                       | ..                      | 7                     | 2        | 77                       | 115 45                 | 6 97                                 |
| Naomi, . .       | 14 Taunton,     | Bristol,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 43                       | ..                     | 3 22                                 |
| Mt. Holyoke, . . | 15 Northampton, | Hampshire,  | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | 1                        | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 29                       | 35 60                  | 2 18                                 |
| *Wanackmamak     | 16 Nantucket,   | Nantucket,  | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 45                       | ..                     | ..                                   |
| Grey Lock, . .   | 21 Lee.         | Suffolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | 2                        | ..                      | 1                     | 1        | 18                       | 40 62                  | 4 35                                 |
| Mt. Hebron, . .  | 24 Sroughton,   | Norfolk,    | 2          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..                       | ..                      | 6                     | 2        | 15                       | 18 00                  | 2 33                                 |
| Agawam, . .      | 25 Springfield, | Hampden,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 36                       | 20 0                   | 2 70                                 |
| Metacomet, . .   | 26 Fall River,  | Bristol,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 47                       | 55 48                  | 3 53                                 |
| Iyanough, . .    | 29 Barnstable,  | Barnstable, | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 25                       | ..                     | 2 03                                 |
| Lawrence, . .    | 31 Lawrence,    | Essex,      | ..         | 1         | 1                    | 1                     | ..                       | ..                      | ..                    | ..       | 21                       | 39 61                  | 1 97                                 |
| *No report.      |                 |             | 17         | 1         | 3                    | 8                     | 3                        | 22                      | 2                     | 47       | 161039                   | \$1673.65              | \$91 41                              |

*NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing Jan'y 1, 1856.*

| №  | C. P.           | H. P.              | S. W.           | J. W.            | Scribe.         | Treasurer.       |
|----|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1  | Eldred Rand,    | Samuel S. Jeffers, | David Pitman,   | Edward B. Moore, | Mortimer Lyon,  | Rich'd M. Baker. |
| 2  | D. T. Mills,    | H. T. Spear,       | Jona. Pierce,   | B. Miles Howe,   | Wm. A. Bell,    | Wm. H. Cook.     |
| 4  | M. G. Downing,  | Eliphalet Hills,   | Geo. Ashworth,  | Thomas Wilson,   | A. B. Plympton, | R. J. Garrett.   |
| 5  | Rufus Mason,    | J. H. Macomber,    | John R. Rice,   | John Smith,      | J. C. Cutter,   | Edward Harding.  |
| 6  | D. B. Curtis.   | Thomson Baxter,    | Samuel Jordon,  | George Cullen,   | G. H. Wheeler,  | Sam. Newmarch.   |
| 7  | S. S. Blake,    | J. Bartlett,       | A. F. Jaques,   | F. H. Lord,      | P. K. Hills,    | Edward Burrill.  |
| 8  | Zeno Kelley,    | James Taylor,      | Squire Sanford, | James L. Barney, | W. T. Drew,     | J. B. Hadley.    |
| 12 | W. L. Clark,    | G. G. Dennison,    | George Frost,   | J. B. Hill,      | J. W. Porter,   | Stillman Stone.  |
| 13 | R. B. Gifford,  | J. Perley, Jr.     | A. Henfield,    | W. S. Harris,    | E. B. Phillips, | Joseph Swasey.   |
| 14 | C. H. Stephens, | J. W. Buffer,      | S. N. Staples,  | Artimas Briggs,  | Lawson Blood,   | C. Foster.       |
| 15 | Wm. D. Clapp,   | W. Herrick,        | Enos Parsons,   | W. C. Prentiss,  | J. B. Augar,    | Charles Smith.   |
| 16 |                 |                    |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| 21 | Henry Groot,    | W. B. Barrows,     | M. Van Sickle,  | W. H. Murray,    | A. E. Taylor,   | Job Robbins, Jr. |
| 24 | W. M. Briggs,   | John Woodbury,     | E. S. Anderson, | A. Southworth,   | John Fanning,   | S. Pratt Briggs. |
| 25 | Wm. Hankerson,  | C. W. Kimball,     | S. R. Crane,    | Moses Lyman,     | Sam'l Leonard,  | S. S. Holmes.    |
| 26 | Vernon Cook,    | John E. Groward,   | Elisha Fuller,  | George S. Orr,   | H. N. Gunn,     | Wm. H. Brown.    |
| 29 | John Hewes,     | E. H. Ryder,       | Charles Lewis,  | O. M. Hinkleley, | E. Lewis, 2d,   | J. A. Baxter.    |
| 31 | Alfred Showell, | Horace Manley,     | Timothy Smith,  | T. C. Thurston,  | Thomas Scott,   | Thomas Barr.     |



**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

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**OF THE**

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ODD FELLOWS HALL, BOSTON,  
*Wednesday, August 6, 1856, 2 o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM, | Grand Patriarch,   |
| ENOS H. TUCKER,        | " High Priest,     |
| JOHN W. PORTER,        | " Senior Warden,   |
| ALFRED MUDGE,          | " Scribe,          |
| S. W. HODGES,          | " Junior Warden,   |
| WM. H. COOK,           | " Treasurer,       |
| N. A. THOMPSON, }      | " Representatives, |
| JOSEPH BYRON, }        |                    |

and a due representation from the subordinate encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Webster, the reading of the Records of the last session was dispensed with, and they were approved.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report on Returns which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe would respectfully submit his Semi-Annual Report on Returns, for the term ending with June 30th, 1856.

The whole number of Subordinate Encampments under this jurisdiction is seventeen.

He has received correct returns from Massasoit, No. 1, Tri-Mount, No. 2, Monomake, No. 4, Bunker Hill, No. 5, Mt. Washington, No. 6, Merrimack, No. 7, Agawam, No. 8, Shalom, No. 12, Naumkeag, No. 13, Mt. Holyoke, No. 15, Mt. Hebron, No. 24, Agawam, No. 25, Metacomet, No. 26, Lawrence, No. 31.

Naomi Encampment, No. 14, has also been received, but is too erroneous for examination.

The returns from Naomi, No. 14, was received July 31st, that of Mt. Hebron, No. 24, was received August 1st, both are consequently fined.

Wanackmamaek, No. 16, Nantucket, and Iyanough, No. 29, Barnstable, have not been received, and are also fined for neglect.

Green River, No. 27, Greenfield, and Grey Lock, No. 21, located at Pittsfield, have resigned their charters since the last session of this Grand Body.

The Encampment Branch of the Order has fallen off in numerical strength, during the past year, 184 members. There have been 21 initiations, 1 rejected, 2 admitted by card, 9 withdrawn by card, 1 reinstated.

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report on Representatives' Certificates, which was accepted, and the candidates (not previously instructed) were admitted and instructed.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Your Committee beg leave to report that the following named Patriarchs have been duly elected, and their certificates presented in proper form :

MASSASOIT, No. 1.—*P. G. P's* Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, Albert Guild, Wm. Ellison, Wm. H. Jones, John R. Mullen, David Ayers. *P. C. P's* John Binney, James M. Burgess, N. Y. Culbertson, W. L. Deland, E. C. Deming, Louis Dennis, A. B. Ely, G. H. Foote, Chas. Hayden, Warren Mallard, Judson Murdock, Jas. W. Newcomb, Eldred Rand, W. L. Ring, John H. Pitman, E. G. Wallis, Aram Youlen. *P. H. P's* Dexter Bowker, Charles D. Cole, M. T. Durell, Alfred S. Ferguson, Jabez F. Hews, F. A. Kemp, Samuel T. Jeffers, S. B. Krogman, Mortimer Lyon, E. W. Norris, Joshua H. Pitman, Samuel Prince, L. M. Smith, Collins Stevens, David W. Tarr, Stephen F. Wilson, J. B. Frost, Jr.

TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.—*P. C. P's* Edward Tyler, N. A. Thompson, Geo. Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, Wm. A. Bell, E. P. Dolbeare, Jr., Wm. M. Nassau, W. H. Cook, R. W. Hall, E. H. Tucker, Jr., A. B. Child, J. P. Paine, E. Cooledge, T. J. Leland, J. B. Cook, Stephen Cain, Elisha Pratt, W. E. Parmenter, Samuel French, 2d, Darius Forbes, J. S. Jones, H. W. Swett, Charles Birchard, Thomas C. Porter, C. E. Buckingham, M. M. Sanders, I. W. Beard, William A. Swift, D. T. Mills. *P. H. P's* G. L. Drinkwater, H. L. Devereux, William P. Baker, Samuel Nicolson, Levi Wilkins, James Rice, J. W. Barton, R. Cummings, H. D. Ward, J. P. Lovell, T. J. Whittemore, J. C. Chase, S. P. Knight, Robert Wharton, C. F. Classen, Edwin Brown, S. M. Colcord, E. M. P. Wells, Elias Whitney, L. Metcalf, George N. Thompson, Isaac Adams, E. G. Putnam, H. T. Spear.

MONOMAKE, No. 4.—*P. C. P's* E. Wells, R. J. Garrett, A. B. Plimpton, G. T. Butterfield, A. S. Eaton, George Fairgreaves, T. O. Snow, T. Wilson. *P. H. P's* J. A. Denton, George Ashworth, Joshua Merrill, E. G. Richardson, H. N. Moore, Moses Whiting.

BUNKER HILL, No. 5.—*P. C. P's* H. Bailes Bramin, Isaac Cook, Isaac Cushing, William Caban, Nahum Chapin, Henry Conn, R. B. Edes, Jr., Thomas Greenleaf, Edward Harding, Thomas B. Harris, Henry Lyon, Samuel Palmer, Wm. W. Peirce, Caleb Rand, Charles Sanderson, J. A. D. Worcester, Edward Ward, Ashbell Waitt, John B. Wilson, Rufus Mason. *P. H. P's* Noah Butts, George E. Barstow, Benjamin Brintnall, Jr., J. Carter Cutter, Joseph Caldwell, John Macomber, George Fuller, T. B. Richards, D. W. Sargent, G. R. Welch, Hiram Whitney.

MT. WASHINGTON, No. 6.—*P. C. P's* S. Newmarch, Jos. Winsor, Jr., R. Wheeler, Geo. Page, D. Hall, D. C. Simpson, C. D. Strong, C. H. Reed, J. A. Stearns, T. Baxter, D. B. Curtis, H. A. Bowles.



*P. H. P's* Geo. H. Wheeler, A. Howard, C. Thurston, J. H. Graupner, R. P. Richardson, Z. Sanger, E. H. Gill, E. R. Rich.

*MERRIMACK*, No. 7.—*P. G. P. P. K. Hills.* *P. C. P's* Edward Burrill, C. R. Sargent, Albert Currier, Wm. Forbes, John Bartlett, S. S. Blake, Thomas Pearson, Jonathan D. Rundlett, Samuel H. Rundlett. *P. H. P's* Thomas H. Lord, John L. Knight.

*ANAWAN*, No. 8.—*P. C. P.* Charles Searell.

*SHALOM*, No. 12.—*P. C. P's* Joseph Byron, John T. Byron, T. W. Capen, George Dodge, J. T. S. Huddleston, E. S. Howe, Stillman Stone, E. Stone, W. Withington, S. B. Hildreth, J. W. Folansbee, John Robie, W. L. Clark, *P. H. P's* B. Boegner, M. Gleason, N. Haly, Robert Rhodes, J. W. Porter, W. D. Byron, L. Pratt, George G. Dennison.

*MT. HEBRON*, No. 24.—*P. C. P's* N. Withington, Jr., S. W. Hodges, J. T. Sumner, Daniel Howard, Barnard Green, W. M. Briggs. *P. H. P's* Wm. Tozer, John Fanning, Ralph Houghton, John Woodbury.

*METACOMET*, No. 26.—*P. C. P's* Robert C. Brown, George G. Lyon, Perry Gifford, Henry Lyon, James Ford, 2d, Geo. W. Stevens, Thomas J. Pickering, Asa Petty, Jr., John B. Hathaway, Alvan S. Bullard, Job G. Dean, Anslem D. Hatch, Perez O. Brightman, Vernon Cook. *P. H. P's* Thomas T. Potter, Horatio N. Gunn, Ebenezer T. Learned, Wm. A. Burt, Edwin Shaw, John E. Grouard, Wm. Davenport, Thomas Burch. *P. G. H. P.* Benj. H. Davis.

It appears, that, so far as the certificates show there have not been elected any Reps. from Naumkeag, No. 13, Naomi, No. 14, Mt. Holyoke, No. 15, Wanackmamack, No. 16, Agawam, No. 25, Iyanough, No. 29, and Lawrence, No. 31.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

JOHN T. BYRON,  
WM. A. BELL,  
STEPHEN F. WILSON.

The Finance Committed submitted their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Finance Committee having attended to the duties assigned them, would respectfully report. They have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

They find the Grand Scribe had Feb. 1, a balance on hand, of . . . . .

And has received for dues, fines, &c., . . . . .

\$113 84

|                                                      |          |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| He has paid for postage, &c., . . . .                | \$ 1 99  |          |
| He has paid to the Grand Treasurer, . . .            | 111 85   |          |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | \$113 84 |
| The Grand Treasurer had Feb'y 1st, a balance         |          |          |
| on hand of . . . . .                                 | \$74 20  |          |
| And has received from Grand Scribe, . . .            | 111 85   |          |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | \$186 05 |
| He has paid sundry bills, and to Grand               |          |          |
| Scribe, Salary, . . . . .                            | \$60 57  |          |
| And has a balance on hand of . . . . .               | 125 48   |          |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | \$186 05 |
| The assets of the Grand Encampment, are as follows : |          |          |
| Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, . . .              | \$125 48 |          |
| Due from Subordinates, dues, . . . \$37 15           |          |          |
| “ “ “ fines, . . . 30 00                             |          |          |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | \$67 15  |
|                                                      |          | \$192 63 |
| They owe the Grand Lodge for rent, . . .             |          | 37 50    |
|                                                      |          | <hr/>    |

Leaving the total assets of Grand Encampment, . . . \$155 13

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

THOMAS C. PORTER,  
ROBERT WHARTON,  
SAM'L B. KROGMAN,

Boston, August 6th, 1856.

*Finance Committee.*

The Grand Scribe submitted his Financial Report, which was read and placed on file.

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

ALFRED MUDGE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

DR.

|              |                               |          |          |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1856—Feb. 1. | Cash balance in hand, . . .   | \$ 22 70 |          |
| Aug. 1.      | Cash received at sundry times |          |          |
|              | for dues and Cards, . . .     | 91 14    |          |
|              |                               | <hr/>    | \$113 84 |

CR.

|              |                                |         |          |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1856—Aug. 1. | Expenses of postage, . . .     | \$ 1 99 |          |
|              | Cash paid Grand Treasurer, . . | 111 85  |          |
|              |                                | <hr/>   | \$113 84 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MUDGE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report which was laid on the table.

*Report of Grand Treasurer.*

*R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

Boston, Aug. 6th, 1856.

WILLIAM H. COOK, Treasurer, Dr.

|               |                                |          |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1856—Feb'y 5. | To Cash balance, . . . . .     | \$74 20  |
| Aug. 4.       | To Cash of A. Mudge, . . . . . | 111 85   |
|               |                                | <hr/>    |
|               |                                | \$186 05 |

CONTRA, CR.

|              |                                                     |          |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1856—Aug. 1. | By Cash paid A. Mudge, six months salary, . . . . . | \$25 00  |
| Aug. 1.      | By Cash paid A. Mudge & Son, printing, . . . . .    | 23 57    |
| Aug. 1.      | By Cash paid M. Lyon, . . . . .                     | 12 00    |
| Aug. 4.      | By Cash to balance, . . . . .                       | 125 48   |
|              |                                                     | <hr/>    |
|              |                                                     | \$186 05 |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. COOK, *Grand Treasurer.*

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Semi-Annual Communication, which was accepted and referred to Reps. Webster, Gunn and Coolidge.

GRAND PATRIARCH'S COMMUNICATION.

Boston, Aug. 7th, 1856.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment. It becomes my duty, at this session, to report to you the condition of the Patriarchal Branch. I regret that it is not in my power to say that its condition is prosperous. The number of patriarchs has so far diminished, that you are no longer entitled to two representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

You will find, among the papers accompanying this report, the communications received by me and copies of my official answers. The most interesting of these are such as relate to Grey Lock Encampment, No. 21. The evidences of want of principle and of common honesty are so strong, that I think you cannot but confirm the virtual sentence of expulsion which was issued from the office of the Grand Patriarch on the 27th of June last.

It is my opinion, founded upon the correspondence and verbal statements, that the removal of this Encampment, from Lee to Pittsfield, was sought for to enable the patriarchs at Pittsfield to obtain possession of the books, in order that they might destroy all evidence of their violation of their obligations. I have reason to suppose that, after the funds were disposed of, these books were burned by those who had, within a short time, acknowledged their allegiance to you, and who had taken the most solemn obligations to obey the regulations of this Grand Encampment. The communication of the District Deputy Grand Patriarch, in no degree, exonerates him from being privy to this act.

A few days after the receipt of the charter of Grey Lock Encampment, a petition was received from seven past patriarchs, at Lee, requesting to have the charter restored to them. As it was not accompanied with the clearance cards of the patriarchs, the Grand Patriarch was unable to comply with the request. A travelling card belonging to one of the petitioners, was the only voucher for the good standing of any of them. I at once replied to that brother, informing him what steps it would be necessary for him and his associates to take, to qualify them to receive the charter. This communication from me has never been answered. Should my successor in office receive a reply, it is questionable whether it would be expedient to grant the prayer. It has long been my opinion, that a single Lodge is not enough to support an Encampment.

Among the papers presented, is a petition from Mt. Washington Encampment, No. 6, asking the remission of certain fines. There are, undoubtedly, representatives from that Encampment present, who will be fully able to explain to you the facts in the case.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, thanking the patriarchs of Massachusetts for their contributions to the afflicted brethren in Norfolk and Portsmouth, is also among the documents presented to you.

Before resigning my office to those from whom I received it, it is proper that I should advise certain changes which the experience and observation of the past year have seemed to call for.

The first is in relation to patriarchs suspended for non-payment of dues. I advise, that all suspensions for non-payment of dues, should be made definite, with the certainty of expulsion at the termination of that period, after trial for non-payment of debt. This would relieve the Encampments from the petitions of those who are not worthy men, and who, under the present law, have the right to return at any time. It would injure no suspended brother, but, on the contrary, would enable him, if found worthy and in good health, to return at a less expense than he is now obliged to incur.

I also advise, that some general provision be made for merging together such Encampments as may at any time wish to unite. I do

not know that any of our Subordinates desire this at this time. but there are in this vicinity those whose union would be followed by the increased prosperity of the whole Patriarchal Branch.

Many of the Grand Encampments do not admit Past High Priests to membership. In order to make this jurisdiction correspond with those, and to enable the Chief Patriarchs to become fully familiar with the work, I advise that the constitution of Subordinate Encampments be so amended as to require service as High Priest as a qualification for election to the Chief Patriarch's chair.

For the convenience of the next Grand Patriarch, I advise, that the District Deputies be instructed to write their communications upon whole sheets of paper.

Patriarchs, we are met together to do an important work. The diminution of our numbers does not diminish our duties, nor at all release us from the pledges we have made to the brotherhood. On the contrary, we are more than ever called upon to be true to ourselves and our cause. Political dissensions should be healed, and partizan feelings should be forgotten in the tent of the patriarchs. If the brethren of our Order will but remember and obey the injunctions of their degrees, discord and contention will indeed be made to cease, and there, in "the soldier's grave," will lie buried even the cause of dispute. Let the scorn and contempt of mankind be heaped upon him who unnecessarily introduces them here.

CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM, *Grand Patriarch.*

The following report which was laid upon the table at the last session was taken up.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as refers to the twelve month's term, have examined the subject as much as time will permit, and Report:

Your Committee believing that the interest of the Patriarchal Branch will be advanced by semi-annual meetings of this Grand Encampment would respectfully recommend, that this Grand Encampment rescind the vote past at the last session, by which it voted to meet but once year.

JOHN B. MULLIN,  
R. C. BROWN.

On motion to accept the Report and adopt the recommendation, after considerable debate upon the subject, Rep. Bell called for a division of the question, to wit.:

the acceptance of the Report, and the adoption of the recommendation, and that action be had first on the adopting the recommendation; when the question being taken upon the latter, it was decided in the affirmative, by a vote of 18 in affirmative to 11 in the negative.

Rep. Ayers raised an objection to the decision of the Chair, on the ground that the report of the committee is virtually an amendment to the Constitution, and therefore requires a two-thirds vote of the Grand Encampment to adopt it.

The Chair ruled that the Grand Encampment had adopted the recommendation. Rep. Ayers appealed from the decision of the Chair, which being debateable, Reps. Ayers, Bell, Frost, Bartlett, Hills, Thompson, Wells, Frost, Tozer and Mudge took part, and on the question being taken, *the Chair was not sustained*;—12 in affirmative, 19 in the negative. The recommendation of the committee was declared lost, when on motion the Report was accepted.

Rep. Webster from the committee on the Grand Patriarch's communication, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the several committees ratified.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass.*

Boston, August, 1856.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Patriarch, have attended to the duty and respectfully report:

That so much as refers to Greylock Encampment, No. 21, be referred to a special committee, consisting of P. G. H. P. Wm. A. Bell, P. G. P. David Ayers, and Patriarch C. D. Cole.

So much as relates to Mt. Washington Encampment, No. 6, be referred to the Grand Officers, with full power.

So much as relates to suspended Patriarchs be referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to merging together such subordinate encampments as may wish to unite; and so much as relates to amending

the constitution of subordinates so as to require service as High Priest as a qualification for election to the Chief Patriarch's chair, a special committee, consisting of P. G. Rep. J. B. Frost, P. G. P. P. K. Hills, and P. G. H. P. E. M. P. Wells, and so much as relates to instructing the D. Deputies be referred to the next G. P.

EDW'D C. WEBSTER,  
HORATIO N. GUNN,  
EMERSON COOLIDGE.

Two of the Committee on the State of the Order being absent, the Chair appointed Reps. Byron and Tozer to fill the vacancies.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to ballot for candidates for Grand Officers; Grand Scribe, Alfred Mudge, having served in that office for seven years, declined any further nomination, as he could not further fulfil the duties thereof.

The Chair appointed suitable committees to superintend the ballots. The Committees announced the result to be as follows:

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes, - 38

|                |   |   |    |                |   |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|----|----------------|---|---|---|
| F. C. Webster, | - | - | 12 | E. H. Tucker,  | - | - | 3 |
| Caleb Rand,    | - | - | 7  | P. K. Hills,   | - | - | 2 |
| S. W. Hodges,  | - | - | 5  | John Bartlett, | - | - | 1 |
| J. W. Porter,  | - | - | 4  | W. A. Bell,    | - | - | 1 |
| T. C. Porter,  | - | - | 2  | Alfred Mudge,  | - | - | 1 |

Rep. Webster declined, and Reps. Rand, Hodges and Porter were declared candidates.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes, - 36

|                 |   |   |    |                |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|----|----------------|---|---|---|
| J. W. Porter,   | - | - | 15 | H. N. Gunn,    | - | - | 1 |
| S. W. Hodges,   | - | - | 9  | E. Coolidge,   | - | - | 1 |
| Robert Wharton, | - | - | 3  | A. Youlen,     | - | - | 1 |
| P. K. Hills,    | - | - | 2  | W. P. Baker,   | - | - | 1 |
| A. B. Plimpton, | - | - | 1  | John Bartlett, | - | - | 1 |
| R. J. Garrett,  | - | - | 1  |                |   |   |   |

Reps. J. W. Porter, Hodges and Wharton were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 34

|                          |   |                       |   |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| A. Youlen, - - -         | 8 | E. W. Norris, - - -   | 2 |
| W. P. Baker, - - -       | 4 | R. Wharton, - - -     | 2 |
| J. H. Pitman, - - -      | 4 | W. A. Swift, - - -    | 1 |
| Caleb Rand, - - -        | 3 | Thomas Pearson, - - - | 1 |
| A. B. Plimpton, - - -    | 2 | A. W. Pollard, - - -  | 1 |
| Thomas C. Porter,, - - - | 2 | S. W. Hodges, - - -   | 1 |
| Robert Rhodes, - - -     | 2 | S. B. Krogman, - - -  | 1 |

Reps. Youlen, Baker, and Pitman were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes, - 33

|                      |    |                       |   |
|----------------------|----|-----------------------|---|
| Chas. D. Cole, - - - | 29 | E. M. P. Wells, - - - | 1 |
| W. A. Bell, - - -    | 3  |                       |   |

Rep. Bell declined ; Reps. Cole and Wells were declared candidates.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Whole number of votes, - 19

|                    |    |                     |   |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| Wm. H. Cook, - - - | 18 | E. W. Norris, - - - | 1 |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|---|

Both are candidates.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 23

|                     |   |                      |   |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| A. Youlen, - - -    | 8 | E. C. Webster, - - - | 2 |
| E. W. Norris, - - - | 3 | R. J. Garrett, - - - | 2 |
| Wm. P. Baker, - - - | 3 | D. W. Tarr, - - -    | 1 |
| H. N. Gunn, - - -   | 3 | Robert Rhodes, - - - | 1 |

Reps. Youlen, Norris, Baker and Gunn were declared candidates.

Rep. Bell from the committee on so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to Greylock Encampment, submitted the following report, which was *adopted unanimously* :

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to Greylock Encampment, No. 21, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully Report :



That the action of the Grand Patriarch in the premises be affirmed, and said Encampment be expelled.

WM. A. BELL,  
DAVID AYERS,  
*Committee.*

Rep. Edward C. Webster from the Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report, which was *agreed to*.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Mass.*

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to making all suspensions for non-payment of dues definite, with the certainty of expulsion at the termination of that period, respectfully Report: That we believe the subject should be left with the subordinate encampments.

EDW'D C. WEBSTER,  
JOSEPH BYRON,  
WM. TOZER.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as refers to this subject, presented the following report, which was *agreed to*.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's Report as the merging together of subordinate encampments, would respectfully

Report: That in their opinion there are instances within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, in districts where the order is somewhat limited in numbers, and consequently the Patriarchal Branch still more limited, that it would not only be advisable but likewise highly beneficial that two or more subordinate encampments might so unite, but that no such action could be taken, unless permission was first obtained from the Board of Grand Officers.

And the Committee would further Report: that so much of said report as refers to the amending of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, so as to require previous service in the office of High Priest as a qualification for the office of Chief Patriarch as inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. B. FROST, JR.  
P. K. HILLS,  
*Committee.*

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Appropriate committees were appointed to superintend the ballot, who subsequently reported the result to be as follows:—

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

|                        |   |   |    |               |
|------------------------|---|---|----|---------------|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | 38 |               |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | 20 |               |
| Caleb Rand had         | - | - | 25 | S. W. Hodges, |
| John W. Porter,        | - | - | 11 | -             |
|                        |   |   |    | -             |
|                        |   |   |    | 2             |

Rep. Caleb Rand was declared elected, and declined serving in that office.

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH—2d BALLOT.

|                        |   |    |                    |   |
|------------------------|---|----|--------------------|---|
| Whole number of votes, | - | -  | 38                 |   |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | -  | 20                 |   |
| John W. Porter had     | - | 20 | E. H. Tucker, Jr., | - |
| S. W. Hodges,          | - | 11 | -                  | - |
|                        |   |    |                    | 7 |

Rep John W. Porter was declared elected, and declined serving in that office.

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH—3d BALLOT.

|                        |   |    |                 |   |
|------------------------|---|----|-----------------|---|
| Whole number of votes, | - | -  | 34              |   |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | -  | 18              |   |
| Robert Rhodes had      | - | 16 | Robert Wharton, | - |
| E. H. Tucker,          | - | 15 | -               | - |
|                        |   |    |                 | 3 |

No choice.

All candidates declining, the Grand Encampment proceeded to nominate candidates for that office—same committee appointed, who reported the result as follows:

#### NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND PATRIARCH.

|                        |   |   |                   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|
| Whole number of votes, | - | - | 31                |   |
| E. H. Tucker, Jr., had | - | 8 | Thomas Pearson,   | - |
| J. W. Porter,          | - | 8 | J. B. Frost, Jr., | - |
| E. C. Webster,         | - | 5 | Thomas C. Porter, | - |
| Robert Rhoades,        | - | 3 | Wm. H. Cook,      | - |
| Robert Wharton,        | - | 3 | -                 | - |
|                        |   |   |                   | 1 |
|                        |   |   |                   | 1 |
|                        |   |   |                   | 1 |
|                        |   |   |                   | 1 |

Reps. J. W. Porter, Webster and Rhodes declining, all others were declared candidates.

# The Grand Encampment resumed balloting for Grand Officers.

## FOR GRAND PATRIARCH—4th BALLOT.

|                         |   |    |   |                   |       |
|-------------------------|---|----|---|-------------------|-------|
| Whole number of votes,  | - | -  | - | 34                |       |
| Necessary to a choice,  | - | -  | - | 18                |       |
| Enos H. Tucker, Jr. had | - | 23 |   | J. B. Frost, Jr., | - - 3 |
| Robert Wharton,         | - | 8  |   |                   |       |

Rep. E. H. Tucker, Jr., was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

|                        |   |    |   |                 |       |
|------------------------|---|----|---|-----------------|-------|
| Whole number of votes, | - | -  | - | 29              |       |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | -  | - | 15              |       |
| Samuel W. Hodges had   | - | 23 |   | Robert Wharton, | - - 3 |
| John W. Porter,        | - | 3  |   |                 |       |

Rep. S. W. Hodges was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

|                        |   |    |   |               |       |
|------------------------|---|----|---|---------------|-------|
| Whole number of votes, | - | -  | - | 29            |       |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | -  | - | 15            |       |
| Aram Youlen had        | - | 24 |   | Wm. P. Baker, | - - 3 |
| J. H. Pitman,          | - | 2  |   |               |       |

Rep. A. Youlen was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND SCRIBE.

Whole number of votes, - - - 27  
Rep. Charles D. Cole had that number and was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND TREASURER.

|                        |   |    |   |               |       |
|------------------------|---|----|---|---------------|-------|
| Whole number of votes, | - | -  | - | 31            |       |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | -  | - | 16            |       |
| Wm. H. Cook,           | - | 29 |   | E. W. Norris, | - - 2 |

Rep. W. H. Cook was declared elected.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

|                        |   |    |   |              |       |
|------------------------|---|----|---|--------------|-------|
| Whole number of votes, | - | -  | - | 29           |       |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | -  | - | 15           |       |
| H. N. Gunn had         | - | 13 |   | W. P. Baker, | - - 3 |
| E. W. Norris,          | - | 13 |   |              |       |

No choice—Rep. Baker declined standing as a candidate.

## FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN—2d Ballot.

|                        |   |   |   |    |
|------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Whole number of votes. | - | - | - | 36 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | - | - | 19 |

|                     |   |    |  |               |   |   |    |
|---------------------|---|----|--|---------------|---|---|----|
| Horatio N. Gunn had | - | 19 |  | E. W. Norris, | - | - | 17 |
|---------------------|---|----|--|---------------|---|---|----|

Rep. Gunn was declared elected.

Grand Scribe Mudge presented an excuse from Annawan Encampment, for fine incurred in 1850. Rep. Searell from said encampment did not desire that the fine should be excused, consequently it was not acted upon.

On motion of Rep. Tozer it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to Patriarch Alfred Mudge, for the able and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of Grand Scribe, for the many years which he has served in that capacity.

Rep. J. B. Frost, Jr. submitted the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Encampment, which was approved and laid on the table.

Amend Article III, Section 3d, by striking out the whole section and substituting therefor: "Nominations for the various offices may be made by Patriarchs at large."

The following Grand Officers were then duly installed into their respective chairs by Past Grand Patriarch William E. Parmenter.

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Enos H. Tucker, Jr. | Grand Patriarch, |
| Samuel W. Hodges,   | " High Priest,   |
| Aram Youlen,        | " Senior Warden, |
| Charles D. Cole,    | " Scribe,        |
| Wm. H. Cook,        | " Treasurer,     |
| Horatio N. Gunn,    | " Junior Warden. |

The M. W. Grand Patriarch appointed Rep. William A. Swift, Grand Sentinel, and Mortimer Lyon, Deputy Grand Sentinel, who were duly installed into their respective offices.

He also appointed the following Committees :

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Past Grand Patriarchs William E. Parmenter and Charles E. Buckingham, and Rep. Edward C. Webster.

*Committee on Finance.*—Reps. Joseph B. Frost, Jr., Robert Wharton, and E. W. Norris.

*Committee on Elections and Returns.*—Reps. Alfred Mudge, Charles F. Classen and John T. Byron.

Grand Representative Joseph Byron instructed the Grand Encampment in the Work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

At the request of Rep. Hodges, Mt. Hebron Encampment was excused from fine.

On motion, of Rep. Ellison, it was

*Resolved*, That the Deputy Grand Sentinel be compensated for his services, in the usual compensation.

On motion, at quarter before seven o'clock, the Grand Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

ALFRED MUDGE,

*Grand Scribe.*

*District Deputy Grand Patriarchs appointed August, 1856.*


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|                   |                  |                      |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Massasoit,        | 1, Boston,       | Josiah A. Stearns.   |
| Tri-Mount,        | 2, do.           | Caleb Rand.          |
| Monomake,         | 4, Lowell,       | Robert J. Garrett.   |
| Bunker Hill,      | 5, Charlestown,  | J. B. Frost, jr.     |
| Mount Washington, | 6, South Boston, | Grand Patriarch.     |
| Merrimack,        | 7, Newburyport,  | Philip K. Hills.     |
| Annawan,          | 8, New Bedford,  | J. W. Nickerson.     |
| Shalom,           | 12, Dorchester,  | Grand Senior W.      |
| Naumkeag,         | 13, Salem,       | Jonathan Perley, Jr. |
| Naomi,            | 14, Taunton,     | Charles Foster.      |
| Mount Holyoke,    | 15, Northampton, | Samuel Wells.        |
| Wanackmamack,     | 16, Nantucket,   | Edward F. Easton.    |
| Mount Hebron,     | 24, Stoughton,   | Grand High Priest.   |
| Agawam,           | 25, Springfield, | Samuel Leonard.      |
| Metacomet,        | 26, Fall River,  | Grand Junior Warden. |
| Iyanough,         | 29, Barnstable,  | Gorham Hallett.      |
| Lawrence,         | 31, Lawrence,    | Thomas Barr.         |

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment  
of Massachusetts, for the Term ending June 30, 1856.**

| ENCAMPMENTS.    | Number. | Where Held.   | County.     | Initiated. | Rejected. | Admitted<br>by Card. | Withdrawn<br>by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended,<br>and cause. | Expelled,<br>and cause. | Deaths. | No. degs<br>conferred. | Exalted. | Contributing<br>members. | Amount of<br>receipts. | Percentage<br>due Grand<br>Encamp't. |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Massasoit, . .  | 1       | Boston,       | Suffolk,    | 2          | ..        | ..                   | 2                     | ..          | 4                        | ..                      | ..      | 6                      | 2        | 135                      | \$342 05               | \$12 52                              |
| Tri-Mount, . .  | 2       | do.           | do.         | 5          | ..        | 1                    | 3                     | ..          | 8                        | ..                      | 1       | 15                     | 5        | 227                      | 682 13                 | 24 02                                |
| Monomake, . .   | 4       | Lowell,       | Middlesex,  | ..         | ..        | 1                    | ..                    | ..          | 4                        | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 33                       | 40 17                  | 2 70                                 |
| Bunker Hill, .  | 5       | Charlestown,  | do.         | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 2                     | ..          | ..                       | 1                       | 1       | ..                     | ..       | 71                       | 203 65                 | 5 32                                 |
| Mt. Washington, | 6       | South Boston, | Suffolk,    | 1          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | 1                      | ..       | 66                       | 38 00                  | 5 55                                 |
| Merrimack, . .  | 7       | Newburyport,  | Essex,      | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | 1       | ..                     | ..       | 39                       | 23 50                  | 2 93                                 |
| Annawan, . .    | 8       | New Bedford,  | Bristol,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 21                       | 11 63                  | 1 58                                 |
| Shâlôm, . .     | 12      | Dorchester,   | Norfolk,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | ..          | 3                        | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 33                       | 43 25                  | 2 47                                 |
| Naumkeag, . .   | 13      | Salem,        | Essex,      | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | 1       | 1                      | 1        | 75                       | 180 29                 | 5 62                                 |
| Naomi, . .      | 14      | Taunton,      | Bristol,    | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | 7                        | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 36                       | 1 00                   | 2 70                                 |
| Mt. Holyoke, .  | 15      | Northampton,  | Hampshire,  | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | 6                        | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 23                       | 42 00                  | 1 72                                 |
| *Wanackmamack   | 16      | Nantucket,    | Nantucket,  | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 45                       | ..                     | ..                                   |
| Mt. Hebron, .   | 24      | Stoughton,    | Norfolk,    | 1          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | 2                        | ..                      | ..      | 3                      | 1        | 14                       | 9 00                   | 1 65                                 |
| Agawam, . .     | 25      | Springfield,  | Hampden,    | 10         | 1         | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | 2                        | ..                      | 1       | 30                     | 10       | 43                       | 67 50                  | 9 22                                 |
| Metacomet, . .  | 26      | Fall River,   | Bristol,    | 2          | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | 5                      | 1        | 49                       | 41 00                  | 6 07                                 |
| *Iyanough, . .  | 29      | Barnstable,   | Barnstable, | ..         | ..        | ..                   | ..                    | ..          | ..                       | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 25                       | ..                     | ..                                   |
| Lawrence, . .   | 31      | Lawrence,     | Essex,      | ..         | ..        | ..                   | 1                     | ..          | 3                        | ..                      | ..      | ..                     | ..       | 17                       | 33 44                  | 1 28                                 |
| *No report.     |         |               |             | 21         | 1         | 2                    | 9                     | 1           | 39                       | 1                       | 5       | 61                     | 20       | 952                      | \$1758.61              | \$85 35                              |

**NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,—For the Term commencing July 1, 1856.**

|    | C. P.             | H. P.             | S. W.           | J. W.               | Scribe.          | Treasurer.       |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1  | Ed'd B. Moore,    | David Pitman,     | Levi Kelley,    | Chas. G. Wells,     | Mortimer Lyon,   | Rich'd M. Baker. |
| 2  | Jonathan Pierce,  | E. N. Moore,      | J. M. Plaisted, | Rodney Presby,      | Wm. A. Bell,     | Wm. H. Cook.     |
| 4  | Geo. Ashworth,    | H. L. Eaton,      | S. C. Mayfield, | Thomas Wilson,      | A. B. Plympton.  |                  |
| 5  | John R. Rice,     | John Smith,       | Jacob Field,    | J. A. D. Worcester, | J. C. Cutter,    | Edward Harding.  |
| 6  | R. P. Richardson, | Samuel Jordan,    | Henry Orr,      | Joseph Bicknell,    | G. H. Wheeler,   | Sam. Newmarch.   |
| 7  | Wm. Forbes,       | John Bartlett,    | Geo. W. Colby,  | J. D. Rundlett,     | P. K. Hills,     | Edward Burrill.  |
| 8  | Squire Sanford,   | Zeno Kelley,      | S. G. Driscoll, | Henry D. Bourne,    | Amos Chase, Jr.  | J. B. Hadley.    |
| 12 | Geo. Frost,       | J. B. Hill,       | P. Ruggles,     | J. W. Follansbee,   | W. L. Clark,     | Stillman Stone.  |
| 13 | A. A. Evans,      | J. Farnum, Jr.    | N. Woodbury,    | B. M. Studley,      | E. B. Phillips,  | Joseph Swasey.   |
| 14 | Chas. H. Stevens, | Joseph W. Puffer, | S. N. Staples,  | Artemas Briggs,     | Lawson Blood,    | C. Foster.       |
| 15 | W. D. Clapp,      | Webster Herrick,  | Enos Parsons,   | W. C. Prentiss,     | J. B. Augur,     | Charles Smith.   |
| 24 | E. S. Anderson.   | S. R. Crane,      | A. Southworth,  | W. M. Briggs,       | S. W. Hodges,    | John Woodbury.   |
| 25 | John G. Taylor,   | H. N. Darling,    | Andrew Titus,   | Wm. Collins,        | Ambrose Webster, | Moses Lyman.     |
| 26 | Elisha Fuller,    | Timothy Smith,    | Geo. S. Orr,    | Henry Field,        | H. N. Gunn,      | P. C. Brightman. |
| 31 | Joseph Norris,    |                   | F. C. Thurston, | E. F. Bean,         | Thomas Scott,    | Thos. Barr.      |



*Abstract from the Annual Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the  
United States, for the year ending June 30, 1856.*

|                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Number of Initiations.....                  | 39         |
| "    Admitted by Card .....                 | 5          |
| "    Withdrawn by Card.....                 | 15         |
| "    Reinstated.....                        | 2          |
| "    Suspended for Non-payment of Dues..... | 58         |
| "    of Deaths.....                         | 7          |
| "    "    Past Chief Patriarchs.....        | 209        |
| "    "    Past High Priests.....            | 117        |
| "    "    Contributing Members.....         | 952        |
| Revenue .....                               | \$3,741,19 |

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RELIEF REPORT.

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Number of Patriarchs Relieved .....       | 72         |
| "    "    Widowed Families Relieved.....  | 0          |
| "    "    Patriarchs Buried.....          | 6          |
| Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs..... | \$1,444 46 |
| "    "    "    "    Widowed Families ..   | 142 00     |
| "    "    Burying the Dead.....           | 90 00      |
| Total Amount of Relief.....               | 1,666 46   |

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND ENCAMPMENT,  
OF THE  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, -  
OF THE  
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, HELD AT ODD FELLOWS HALL, IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON,  
AUGUST 5, 1857.



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ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts,  
I. O. of O. F.....1857.

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ODD FELLOWS HALL, BOSTON,  
*Wednesday, August 5, 1857, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, when the following were present :

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ENOS H. TUCKER, JR., | M. W. Grand Patriarch,      |
| S. W. HODGES,        | M. E. Grand High Priest,    |
| ARAM YOULEN,         | R. W. Grand Senior Warden,  |
| CHARLES D. COLE,     | R. W. Grand Scribe,         |
| H. N. GUNN,          | R. W. Grand Junior Warden,  |
| CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM, | R. W. Grand Representative, |

and a due representation from the subordinate Encampments.

Grand Encampment opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand High Priest.

On motion of Grand Rep. Buckingham, the reading of the Records of the last session was dispensed with, and they were approved.

The Committee on Elections and Returns not being present, the chair appointed Reps. R. Hall, C. Rand and R. J. Garrett to serve as that Committee.

The Grand Scribe submitted his report on Returns, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Grand Scribe respectfully submits his Reports for the terms ending December 31, 1856, and June 30, 1857.

The whole number of Encampments under this jurisdiction Dec. 31, 1856, was seventeen, of which number, fourteen have made returns, twelve of which were correct.

The Encampments from which returns have not been received are: Mount Holyoke, No. 15; Wanackmamack, No. 16, and Iyanough, No. 29.

Monomake, No. 4, and Mt. Washington, No. 6, error in whole number and standing of members.

The whole number of Encampments under this jurisdiction June 30, 1857, is fifteen, thirteen of which have made returns, all of which are correct.

Annawan, No. 8, has made no return. Iyanough, No. 29, has failed to make returns for three terms, and is defunct.

The following Encampments have resigned their charters since the last session, viz: Mt. Holyoke, No. 15, Northampton; and Lawrence, No. 31, Lawrence.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. COLE, Grand Scribe.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report on Representatives' Certificates, which was accepted, and the candidates (not previously instructed) were admitted and instructed.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

Your Committee beg leave to report that the following named Patriarchs have been duly elected, and their certificates presented in proper form :

**MASSASOIT, No. 1.**—*P. C. P's* Daniel Hersey, Hezekiah Prince, Albert Guild, Wm. Ellison, Wm. H. Jones, David Ayres, Jas. M. Burgess, N. Y. Culbertson, W. L. Deland, E. C. Deming, Louis Dennis, Alfred B. Ely, G. H. Foote, Chas. Hayden, Warren Mallard, Judson Murdock, E. B. Moore, Jas. W. Newcomb, Eldred Rand, W. L. Ring, John H. Pitman, E. G. Wallis, Chas. G. Wells, Aram Youlen. *P. H. P's* Charles D. Cole, M. T. Durrell, Alfred S. Ferguson, J. B. Frost, jr., Jabez F. Hews, F. A. Kemp, Samuel T. Jeffers, S. B. Krogman, Levi Kelley, Mortimer Lyon, E. W. Norris, A. W. Pollard, Joshua H. Pitman, David Pitman, Samuel Prince, L. M. Smith, Collins Stevens, David W. Tarr, Stephen F. Wilson.

**TRI-MOUNT, No. 2.**—*P. C. P's* Edward Tyler, N. A. Thompson, George Norton, Alfred Mudge, J. H. Hathorne, Horace Williams, Wm. A. Bell, E. P. Dolbeare, jr., Wm. M. Nassau, W. H. Cook, R. W. Hall, Enos H. Tucker, jr., A. B. Child, J. P. Paine, E. Coolidge, T. J. Leland, J. B. Cook, Stephen Cain, Wm. E. Parmenter, Samuel French 2d, Darius Forbes, J. S. Jones, H. W. Swett, Chas. Birchard, Thomas C. Porter, C. F. Buckingham, M. M. Sanders, I. W. Beard, William A. Swift, D. T. Mills, Jona. Pierce, J. M. Plasted. *P. H. P's* G. L. Drinkwater, Wm. P. Baker, Samuel Nicholson, Levi Wilkins, James Rice, J. W. Barton, R. Cummings, H. D. Ward, J. P. Lovell, T. J. Whittemore, J. C. Chase, S. P. Knight, Robert Wharton, C. F. Classen, Edwin Brown, S. M. Colcord, E. M. P. Wells, Elias Whitney, L. Metcalf, George N. Thomson, Isaac Adams, E. G. Putnam, H. T. Spear, B. Miles Howe, E. N. Moore.

**BUNKER-HILL, No. 5.**—*P. C. P's* Isaac Cook, Isaac Cushing, Wm. Caban, Nahum Chapin, R. B. Edes, jr., Thomas Greenleaf, Edw. Harding, Thomas B. Harris, Henry A. Rice, John R. Rice, Henry Lyon, Samuel Palmer, Wm. W. Peirce, Caleb Rand, Jas. A. D. Worcester, Edward Ward, Ashbel Waitt, John B. Wilson, Rufus Mason, Jacob Field. *P. H. P's* Noah Butts, George E. Barstow, Benj. Brintnall, J. Carter Cutter, Joseph Caldwell, Wm. Hodgkins, John Macomber, John Smith, George Fuller, D. W. Sargent, G. R. Welch, H. Whitney.

**MT. WASHINGTON, No. 6.**—*P. C. P's* D. Hall, S. Newmarch, R. Wheeler, J. A. Stearns, Jos. Winsor, Jr., D. C. Simpson, T. Baxter, D. B. Curtis, H. A. Bowles, R. P. Richardson. *P. H. P's*

J. H. Graupner, Geo. H. Wheeler, A. Howard, C. Thurston. E. H. Gill, Z. Sanger, S. Jordan, E. R. Rich.

MERRIMACK, No. 7.—*P. C. P's* P. K. Hills, Edw. Burrill, C. R. Sargent, S. H. Rundlett, John Akerman, Thos. Pearson, William Forbes, Albert Currier, John Bartlett, S. S. Blake. *P. H. P's* T. H. Lord.

SHALOM, No. 12.—*P. C. P's* Joseph Byron, John T. Byron, T. W. Capen, Geo. Dodge, J. T. Huddleston, E. S. Howe, Stillman Stone, E. Stone, Wm. Withington, S. B. Hildreth, J. W. Follansbee, John Robie, W. L. Clark, George Frost. *P. H. P's* Robert Rhodes, J. W. Porter, W. D. Byron, Geo. G. Dennison, J. B. Hill, Laban Pratt, Philamon Ruggles.

NAUMKEAG, No. 13.—*P. C. P.* Nicholas Woodbury.

MT. HEBRON, No. 24.—*P. C. P's* James T. Sumner, Sam<sup>l</sup> W. Hodges, Daniel Howard, Barnard Green, Wm. M. Briggs, Elijah S. Anderson, Albert Southworth. *P. H. P's* Wm. Tozer, Ralph Houghton, Geo. W. Hayden, S. P. Briggs.

The Certificates of P. H. P's Horace Manley and Timothy Smith, formerly members of Lawrence Encampment, No. 31, were present; and as said Encampment has resigned its charter, the chair decided that they should be instructed, but had no right to act as representatives.

The Grand Scribe presented his Financial Report, which was read and laid on the table.

### *Report of Grand Scribe.*

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

CHARLES D. COLE, in account with the R. W. Grand Encampment,  
I. O. of O. F.

Dr.

|              |                               |       |                |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1857—Feb. 1. | Cash received at sundry times |       |                |
|              | for dues and Cards,           | . . . | \$78 03        |
| Aug. 1.      | do.                           | do.   | . . . 103 42   |
|              |                               |       | <hr/> \$181 45 |

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|               |                                     |        |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 1856—Nov. 4.  | 4th vol. Proceedings G. L. of U. S. | \$2 08 |
| Dec. 3.       | Grand Lodge of U. S. 75 Cards,      | 15 00  |
| " 17.         | J. Perley, jr. & Co., binding,      | 12 50  |
| 1857—Jan. 29. | Postage, &c. to date,               | 2 25   |
|               |                                     | <hr/>  |
|               | Amt. carried forward,               | 31 83  |

|                                      |       |          |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Amt. brought forward,                | 31 83 | 181 45   |
| Jan. 30. Cash paid Grand Treasurer,  | 46 20 |          |
| July 30. Postage, &c. to date,       | 1 87  |          |
| “ “ Expense to Mt. Holyoke Encamp't, | 3 00  |          |
| “ 31. Services as Scribe, 1 quarter, | 12 50 |          |
|                                      | <hr/> | \$ 95 40 |
| July 31. Cash on hand, . . . . .     |       | \$86 05  |

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. COLE, *Grand Scribe.*

The Finance Committee submitted their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Finance Committee having attended to the duties assigned them, would respectfully report. They have examined the books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

|                                                                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| They find that the Grand Scribe has received at sundry times, for dues and Cards, . . . . . | \$181 45 |
| He has paid, as per vouchers, . . . . .                                                     | 95 40    |
|                                                                                             | <hr/>    |
| Leaving a balance in his hands of . . . . .                                                 | \$86 05  |

|                                                                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| The Committee also find due from the several subordinate Encampments—for dues, . . . . . | \$45 86 |
| do. do. for fines, . . . . .                                                             | 45 00   |
|                                                                                          | <hr/>   |
|                                                                                          | \$90 86 |

The Grand Treasurer's account stands as follows:

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1856—Aug. 4. Cash on hand, . . . . .      | \$125 48 |
| 1857—Feb. 1. “ of Grand Scribe, . . . . . | 46 20    |
|                                           | <hr/>    |
|                                           | \$171 68 |
| Cash paid as per vouchers, . . . . .      | \$168 89 |
| Cash balance, . . . . .                   | 2 79     |
|                                           | <hr/>    |
|                                           | \$171 68 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOS. B. FROST, JR.  
R. WHARTON,  
E. W. NORRIS,

Boston, Aug. 5, 1857.

*Finance Committee.*



On motion of Rep. Mudge, the Grand Scribe's Financial Report was taken from the table, accepted and ordered on file.

On motion of Rep. Mudge, the Grand High Priest was requested to instruct all new members in the ante-room.

The M. W. Grand Patriarch submitted his Annual Communication, which was received and referred to a Committee of three. The chair appointed Reps. Byron, Buckingham and Leonard.

#### GRAND PATRIARCH'S COMMUNICATION.

##### *Patriarchs of the R. W. Encampment of Massachusetts :*

We have again assembled in annual session, and in conformity with my duty I proceed to give an account to you of the work of my office, the vouchers for which are herewith presented.

Soon after the session of this body in August last, I received an invitation from the City Government of Boston for the Encampments to unite with them in the inaugural ceremonies of the Franklin Statue, which the Board of Grand Officers thought best not to accept.

P. G. Patriarch Joseph Byron having resigned the office of Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Board of Grand Officers unanimously elected P. G. Patriarch Buckingham in his place, who was present at the session of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. in September last, to fill the unexpired term.

On the fifth of September a dispensation was issued to Massasoit Encampment, granting them permission to confer the three Degrees upon Bro. Amory Holbrook, of Oregon Lodge, No. 3, of Oregon, to enable him to take his seat as Grand Representative from that jurisdiction.

I have received reports from Dep. G. Patriarchs Rand, Gunn, Frost, Easton, Leonard, Hills, Garrett, Hodges and Youlen.

The returns for the two past terms show that some of the subordinates have increased their list of members, but we still number less than one thousand, and are entitled to one Representative only, in the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

Iyanough Encampment, No. 29, at Barnstable, has made no return for three terms. In February last, the Grand Scribe received a communication from the Scribe of that Encampment, stating that they had ceased to work, and that the Work Books and Charter were subject to his order. He immediately wrote to the District Deputy G. Patriarch of that District, to obtain and forward them to the office of the Grand Encampment, but they have not yet been received. The Grand Encampment will take such action as they deem necessary in the premises.

Wanackmamack Encampment, at Nantucket, has again resumed work under circumstances which will probably enable it still to do good service in the cause. They ask to be excused from the payment of two fines. I would recommend that their request be granted.

District Deputy Frost says of Bunker-Hill Encampment, "this Encampment maintains a prosperous and enviable position. The Encampment still numbers among its members many of the oldest and most active and zealous of the brethren in our neighboring city; and the large attendance and efficiency in the work, is to my mind, a sure evidence of their appreciation of the principles of the Order."

Mt. Hebron Encampment is entitled to the credit of having made the largest relative gain in the number of Patriarchs.

Agawam and Metacomet Encampments show a decided state of prosperity.

† The two Encampments in this city continue to prosper and perform their part of the work.

h. Since our last meeting Mt. Holyoke Encampment, No. 15, at Northampton, has surrendered its charter.

Lawrence Encampment, No. 31, since making its return for the last term, has also surrendered its charter.

I have not been called upon to make any decisions of importance, the Deputies having been fully able to perform that duty in their respective districts.

I regret to inform you that business engagements required P. C. P. Wm. H. Cook, who has served us so long and faithfully as Grand Treasurer, to resign his office. His resignation was received at so late a date, that I did not deem it important to appoint a successor. The books and properties of the office were placed in the hands of the Finance Committee.

On leaving this high station to which you elected me, I thank you for the honor conferred, and for the support and assistance received from the officers and members of the Grand Encampment.

ENOS H. TUCKER, JR., *Grand Patriarch.*

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States, was read and referred to the Grand Officers with full powers, and the Grand Scribe was instructed to call the attention of Patriarchs in the printed proceedings, that if any have printed copies of the early proceedings of this Grand Encampment, they be requested to forward them to him.

I. O. O. F.

*Office Corresponding and Rec. Sec. R. W. G. L. U. S.*

BALTIMORE, FEB. 9, 1857.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts:

M. W. G. Patriarch, Officers and Patriarchs.—At the September session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held at the City of Baltimore, 1856, the following among other proceedings was had.

Rep. Fuller of the Lower Provinces of British North America, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction be requested to present to the Grand Lodge of the United States, each, a bound copy of their respective journals of proceedings from their organization, for the purpose of preserving the same in the office of the Grand Secretary of this body, for reference and the convenience of the Grand Representatives.

**Resolved,** That the Grand Secretary communicate this resolution to each State Grand Body, and respectfully request its compliance therewith.

In obedience to the above resolution, I have the honor to communicate the same to your R. W. Grand Body, and respectfully to request your compliance with the same.

Yours, fraternally,

JAS. L. RIDGELY.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Patriarch's Communication, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, respectfully report :

That the Grand Scribe be instructed to obtain the Books and Charter and other property of Encampment No. 29.

And that the fines due by Encampment No. 16 be remitted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH BYRON,  
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,  
SAM'L LEONARD.

Grand Representative Buckingham presented the following Report of the doings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S. at its last session, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be placed on the Journal.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Massachusetts :*

The Representative of your Right Worthy Body to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the last session, in Baltimore, respectfully submits the following

## R E P O R T.

The session began upon Monday, the 15th of September, and continued until the following Monday, at noon. It was long, and much business was transacted. At the same time it was the opinion of your Representative that the business

might have been completed in a less protracted session, and he is happy to believe that his colleagues from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts fully coincide with him.

The Grand Lodge was deprived of the services of its presiding officer, by sickness, the history of which is too well known to the brotherhood in Massachusetts, to need any further allusion, than the statement that it was contracted while in the performance of his duty as your Representative. The following resolution will indicate the feeling of the Grand Lodge upon this subject.

*Resolved*, That this W. R. Grand Lodge has received with sorrow the intelligence of the severe and protracted illness of the M. W. Grand Sire, William Ellison, which has prevented his attendance at the present session; that we tender to him our heartfelt sympathy and our earnest hopes for his speedy recovery, which we trust will enable him to be present at the next session, when we hope to renew to him personally the expression of that high regard which he has won by his ability, his devotion to our Order, and his private worth.

The chair was ably filled by Deputy Grand Sire Geo. W. Race, of Louisiana, who was unanimously elected to the principal seat for the next session.

P. G. M. Senter, of New Hampshire was elected Deputy Grand Sire; and the unanimous vote cast for James L. Ridgely and Joshua Vansant, on their re-election as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, is sufficient proof of the estimate which is placed upon the valuable services of those faithful officers.

The finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States are not in a healthful condition. The income from charter fees for Grand Bodies, is gradually ceasing. That for charters for Subordinate bodies must diminish in very much the same proportion. The introduction of every new Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, brings with it not only a very small representation tax, but a very large outlay to overbalance it. The Grand Lodge of Oregon, which has been instituted within the year, brings fifty dollars per annum into the treasury, and its representation expenses take away from the treasury

more than six hundred dollars. Your Representative speaks of this only as an illustration of what is at work, to undermine the financial basis of our Order; for it was his pleasure to welcome the representative of a new Grand Lodge.

Various plans have been proposed to avert the difficulty which is now threatening us, and which some of our sister Grand Bodies are unwittingly increasing, by a proposition to increase the number of Representatives from the larger jurisdictions. In his opinion, a single Representative from each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment would be amply sufficient to do all the work; and if, in addition, the sessions were held with less frequency, the Grand Lodge of the United States might remain forever free from indebtedness.

The merging of the two branches of the Order was again brought up, and again received a repulse. The destroying the Encampment, in violation of the principle of justice, the Grand Lodge of the United States will never lend itself to.

Although Grand Sire Ellison was unable to attend the session, he transmitted his annual communication, which contained many important decisions, the following of which were approved, and are now laws of the Order.

First.—That a Brother or Patriarch residing in one State is not entitled to admission as a member, nor can his proposition for membership upon a final card be received in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of another State, he remaining a resident and citizen in the State from which his card was issued, unless the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or Grand Master or Grand Patriarch is first had and obtained. (See Constitution of Grand Lodge of the United States, Article XVI, Section III.)

Second.—That a Brother holding a withdrawal card from one State is entitled to the annual travelling password in use at the time, and retains the right to visit in another State with the same password for a year.

Third.—That the presentation of a withdrawal card would be the production of a "proper card," as required by Article XVI, Section I of the Constitution of this Grand Body.

Fourth.—That there is no general law of the Order limiting or regulating the number of times a candidate can be proposed after rejection; the inquiry is a matter for local law.

**Fifth.**—That under the old Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the thirtieth by-law directing State Grand Bodies to enact laws to prohibit their subordinates from initiating persons at places remote from their residence, while Lodges or Encampments are located in their immediate neighborhood; but in the new Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States there is no provision in regard to the matter at all, and the whole subject is very properly left for local State legislation.

**Sixth.**—That a Brother holding a withdrawal card which has run out of date may be recognised as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and be allowed to renew his membership by the deposit of said card in a Lodge at the place of his residence, subject to the payment of such fee as the local law may require.

**Seventh.**—That a Brother suspended from membership in his Lodge, is thereby cut off from all benefits and privileges; and in case of his death during such suspension the Lodge incurs no new liability on account of his decease.

**Eighth.**—That it is not competent for a Lodge, after its first term, to elect scarlet members to the office of Noble Grand when Brothers who have served as Vice Grand were in nomination, except in cases where all qualified members refuse to accept the office of Noble Grand; then the Lodge may elect a scarlet member, provided, however, a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

**Ninth.**—That a D. D. Grand Sire has no authority by virtue of his office to issue warrants for Lodges or Encampments, or to reclaim or recall charters of Lodges or Encampments which persist in doing work irregularly. It is his duty to report any irregularity to the Grand Sire, who alone, under authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, can reclaim or cause to be recalled all charters issued by this Grand Lodge.

**Tenth.**—That the law regulating the Degree of Rebekah allows the wife of any scarlet member, in good standing, of a Subordinate Lodge, to be entitled to receive the degree; consequently a State Grand Body does not possess the power of authorizing its subordinates to require any pecuniary compensation for conferring said degree.

**Eleventh.**—That a Brother holding an unexpired withdrawal card, retains a right to prefer charges for unworthy conduct against a member of his Lodge, during the year for which said card extends.

**Twelfth.**—That it is the right of a Lodge to examine a visiting Brother every night he may present himself for admission, and must be introduced by the examining committee.

**Thirteenth.**—It has been inquired of me whether it is competent for a Grand Encampment or Grand Patriarch to grant a card to enable a Patriarch to join a Subordinate Encampment, if said Patriarch is at the time largely in arrears to a defunct Encampment. My reply was as follows: that a Grand Body has full power in the premises, not only in its resumption of the powers of a Subordinate which has become extinct, but in its original control over all the members of the Order in its jurisdiction. Even while a Subordinate is in full operation, a Grand Body may direct it to restore a suspended or expelled member without its consent. This discretionary power implies of course a wise and judicious investigation into the circumstances of every case presented.

**Fourteenth.**—That a Grand Master, when visiting a Subordinate in his official capacity, is entitled to the honors of the Order; but a Grand Master may visit in his individual capacity as a member of the Order, and upon such visits he should not expect to be received with the honors. It is only when he announces himself as Grand Master that the visit becomes official.

**Fifteenth.**—That a Brother suspended for a definite period for non-payment of dues, when that time expires, is placed precisely in the same position in which he was previous to his suspension, with the additional amount of dues accruing during his suspension; and, if the Lodge wish to discipline him further, his case must be taken up again; but a Brother suspended for a definite period, as a punishment for some specific offence, upon the expiration of his term of suspension is *ipso facto* restored to membership.

**Sixteenth.**—That there is no law of the Order regulating the payment of a greater amount of weekly benefits to scarlet degree members than those of the royal blue. The matter is left entirely to local legislation.

The following resolutions and decisions of the Grand Lodge are of interest, and are now also laws of the Order.

**Resolved,** That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, in reinstating members suspended for non-payment of dues, shall have power to remit, in whole or in part, the dues accruing during the suspension of such members.

**Resolved,** That all supplies furnished by this Grand Lodge be increased 25 per cent. on the present prices, and that the Grand Secretary charge the same accordingly, excepting cards.



**Resolved,** That hereafter the price of cards furnished to Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be twenty cents each.

**Resolved,** That Grand Patriarchs and their deputies be empowered to confer the degrees of a Subordinate Encampment upon scarlet degree members of Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of organizing new Encampments. Provided no Subordinate Encampment be located within thirty miles of such new Encampment.

**Resolved,** That the officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall not be installed, nor furnished with the semi-annual password, unless the reports, returns, and moneys due from such Lodges and Encampments to their respective jurisdictions be actually made and placed in the hands of the proper officer, or be actually in transit to the proper destination.

A Grand Representative's privilege of introduction is confined exclusively to the jurisdiction or branch of the Order which he represents.

The qualification of membership is original and continuing, and if interrupted by the briefest cessation of membership, disappears, and with it the official position dependent upon it. Hence the taking of a withdrawal card by an officer, vacates his office.

**Resolved,** That any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment violating the provisions of the third section of the sixteenth article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, upon conviction thereof before the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction within which the same is located, shall forfeit and pay to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction within which the person admitted to membership in violation of the provisions of said section shall reside, all initiation and degree charges received from such person up to the date of such conviction.

**Resolved,** That all visiting and final cards shall hereafter be signed by the holders thereof in the presence of the officer by whom the annual password is communicated to such holders.

Lodges are not allowed to exercise a discretion as to the reinstatement of members suspended, as they already possess all power over them during suspension which is necessary for the protection of the Lodge.

**Resolved,** That in the case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members refusing to accept either of said offices, the Lodge may elect a scarlet degree member thereto, who shall be entitled to the honors as in case of constituting a new Lodge; provided, how-

ever, that a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

*Resolved*, That the laws of the Grand Lodge require the Noble Grand of a Lodge always when present at its meetings, to preside; and the Vice Grand to act as Noble Grand in the absence of that officer; and that a Noble Grand or Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand, has not the right or power to waive his right and place a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair during the presence in the Lodge room of either of the first two officers above named; provided, that this decision is not to be considered as applicable to a *temporary* absence during a portion of a lodge meeting, of those officers, in which case the chair must be filled as provided in the charge book.

In the last three decisions Lodges alone are spoken of. The Grand Encampment will of course remember that in parallel cases, Encampments follow the same rules as Lodges.

The Grand Lodge decided that no action was necessary upon the amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Encampment.

A resolution was passed requesting the donation of a bound copy of the proceedings of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted by

CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM.

Boston, Aug. 5th, 1857.

The following amendment to the Constitution, presented at the last session by Rep. Frost, was called up for action:

Amend Article III, Section 3d, by striking out the whole section and substituting therefor: "Nominations for the various offices may be made by Patriarchs, at large."

After considerable discussion, it was on motion of P. G. H. P. Bell, adopted. Yeas 19, nays 4.

The Grand Patriarch decided, that the amendment must be approved by the G. L. U. S. before it can take effect.

On motion of P.G.P. Ellison, the Grand Encampment proceeded to the nomination of candidates for office.

The chair appointed as a Committee to superintend the ballots, Rep's. Krogman, Joseph T. Byron, Harding, Deming, Bell and Baker.

The Committee announced the result to be as follows :

#### FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.

Whole number of votes, - 43.

|                    |    |                   |   |
|--------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| A. Youlen had..... | 25 | Alfred Mudge..... | 2 |
| S. W. Hodges.....  | 9  | R. W. Hall.....   | 1 |
| Caleb Rand.....    | 3  | H. N. Gunn.....   | 1 |
| I. W. Beard.....   | 2  |                   |   |

Rep. Rand declined, and Reps. Youlen, Hodges, Beard and Mudge were declared candidates.

#### FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Whole number of votes, - 34.

|                    |    |                     |   |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| A. Youlen had..... | 13 | E. W. Norris.....   | 1 |
| H. N. Gunn.....    | 12 | R. W. Hall.....     | 1 |
| S. B. Krogman..... | 2  | S. W. Hodges.....   | 1 |
| Alfred Mudge.....  | 1  | E. M. P. Wells..... | 1 |
| W. P. Baker.....   | 1  | E. C. Webster.....  | 1 |

Reps. Krogman and Hodges declined, and Reps. Youel, Gunn, Mudge, Baker, Norris, Hall, Hodges, Wells and Webster were declared candidates.

#### FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Whole number of votes, - 35.

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| H. N. Gunn had.....   | 9 | Robert Wharton.....   | 1 |
| E. Harding.....       | 7 | John W. Porter.....   | 1 |
| Emerson Coolidge..... | 4 | Thomas C. Porter..... | 1 |
| J. H. Pitnan.....     | 3 | William P. Baker..... | 1 |
| E. W. Norris.....     | 2 | Caleb Rand.....       | 1 |
| Alfred Mudge.....     | 2 | D. T. Mills.....      | 1 |
| C. F. Classen.....    | 2 |                       |   |

And Reps. Gunn, Harding and Coolidge were declared candidates.

**FOR GRAND SCRIBE.**

Whole number of votes, - 35.

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|--------------------------|----|-----------------------|---|
| Charles D. Cole had..... | 31 | C. F. Classen .....   | 1 |
| R. J. Garrett .....      | 2  | William P. Baker..... | 1 |

Rep. Baker declined, and Reps. Cole, Garrett and Classen were declared candidates.

**FOR GRAND TREASURER.**

Whole number of votes, - 33.

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|-------------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Charles Hayden had..... | 20 | W. H. Cook.....   | 2 |
| Alfred Mudge .....      | 7  | Joseph Byron..... | 1 |
| Robert Wharton.....     | 3  |                   |   |

And Reps. Hayden, Mudge and Wharton were declared candidates.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes, - 24.

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|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| R. J. Garrett had..... | 7 | E. W. Norris.....      | 1 |
| S. Leonard .....       | 5 | D T. Mills.....        | 1 |
| Thomas C. Porter ..... | 2 | Collins Stevens.....   | 1 |
| J. W. Porter.....      | 1 | William P. Baker ..... | 1 |
| Charles Hayden.....    | 1 | David W. Tarr .....    | 1 |
| R. W. Hall.....        | 1 | E. C. Deming .....     | 1 |
| E. B. Moore.....       | 1 |                        |   |

And Reps. Garrett, Leonard and Porter were declared candidates.

**FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

Whole number of votes, - 31.

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|------------------------------|----|------------------------|---|
| Enos H. Tucker, jr. had..... | 23 | Thomas C. Porter ..... | 1 |
| Charles E. Buckingham .....  | 3  | Alfred Mudge.....      | 1 |
| William Ellison .....        | 3  |                        |   |

Reps. Buckingham and Ellison declined, and G. Patriarch Tucker and Reps. Porter and Mudge were declared candidates.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The same committees were appointed to superintend the ballot, who subsequently reported the result to be as follows :

**FOR GRAND PATRIARCH.**

Whole number of votes, - 40.  
 Necessary to a choice, - 21.

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| Aram Youlen had | - | 29 |  | Caleb Rand, | - | - | - | 1 |
| S. W. Hodges,   | - | 10 |  |             |   |   |   |   |

And G. S. Warden Aram Youlen was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**

Whole number of votes, - 40.  
 Necessary to a choice, - 21.

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|---------------------|---|----|--|-------------------|---|---|---|
| Horatio N. Gunn had | - | 36 |  | William P. Baker, | - | - | 1 |
| S. B. Krogman,      | - | 1  |  | Alfred Mudge,     | - | - | 1 |
| E. M. P. Wells,     | - | 1  |  |                   |   |   |   |

And G. J. Warden Horatio N. Gunn was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.**

Whole number of votes, - 39  
 Necessary to a choice, - 20

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|------------------|---|----|--|-------------|---|---|---|
| E. W. Norris had | - | 18 |  | A. Mudge,   | - | - | 5 |
| J. H. Pitman,    | - | 6  |  | E. Harding, | - | - | 3 |
| C. F. Classen,   | - | 6  |  | C. Hayden,  | - | - | 1 |

No choice. Reps. Pitman, Harding and Hayden declined, and Reps. Norris, Classen and Mudge were candidates.

**FOR GRAND SCRIBE.**

Whole number of votes, - 36  
 Necessary to a choice, - 19

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| C. D. Cole had | - | 34 |  | C. F. Classen, | - | - | 2 |
|----------------|---|----|--|----------------|---|---|---|

And Grand Scribe C. D. Cole was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN—2D BALLOT.**

Whole number of votes, - 38  
 Necessary to a choice, - 20

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|------------------|---|----|--|---------------|---|---|---|
| E. W. Norris had | - | 28 |  | A. Mudge,     | - | - | 1 |
| C. F. Classen,   | - | 8  |  | J. H. Pitman, | - | - | 1 |

And Rep. E. W. Norris was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND TREASURER.**

Whole number of votes, - 39  
 Necessary to a choice, - 20

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|---------------|---|---|----|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| C. Hayden had | - | - | 30 | R. Wharton, | - | - | - | 3 |
| A. Mudge,     | - | - | 6  |             |   |   |   |   |

And Rep. Charles Hayden was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.**

|                        |   |   |    |              |    |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|----|--------------|----|---|---|---|
| Whole number of votes, |   |   |    | -            | 38 |   |   |   |
| Necessary to a choice, |   |   |    | -            | 20 |   |   |   |
| Robt. Garrett had      | - | - | 17 | R. W. Hall,  | -  | - | - | 1 |
| T. C. Porter,          | - | - | 13 | E. B. Moore, | -  | - | - | 1 |
| E. C. Deming,          | - | - | 4  | C. Stevens,  | -  | - | - | 1 |
| D. W. Tarr,            | - | - | 1  |              |    |   |   |   |

No choice.

**FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.**

|                        |   |   |    |               |    |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|----|---------------|----|---|---|---|
| Whole number of votes, |   |   |    | -             | 33 |   |   |   |
| Necessary to a choice, |   |   |    | -             | 17 |   |   |   |
| E. H. Tucker, Jr. had  | - | - | 29 | A. Mudge,     | -  | - | - | 1 |
| Wm. Ellison,           | - | - | 2  | T. C. Porter, | -  | - | - | 1 |

And Grand Patriarch E. H. Tucker, Jr. was declared elected.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN—2D BALLOT.**

|                        |   |   |    |               |    |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|----|---------------|----|---|---|---|
| Whole number of votes, |   |   |    | -             | 35 |   |   |   |
| Necessary to a choice, |   |   |    | -             | 18 |   |   |   |
| T. C. Porter had       | - | - | 16 | E. C. Deming, | -  | - | - | 4 |
| R. J. Garrett,         | - | - | 15 |               |    |   |   |   |

No choice.

The committee to superintend the ballots asked, through their chairman, what course they should take with blank ballots, and ballots having upon them the names of patriarchs not in the nomination.

The Grand Patriarch decided, that ballots bearing the names of persons not in nomination should be considered blanks, and that blank ballots should be counted.

Past Grand Patriarch Buckingham, offered the following resolution, which, after discussion, was adopted :

*Resolved,* That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, the committee appointed to count the ballots should throw out all not bearing the names of candidates who are constitutionally such.

**FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN—3d BALLOT.**

|                        |  |  |  |   |    |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---|----|--|--|--|
| Whole number of votes, |  |  |  | - | 36 |  |  |  |
| Necessary to a choice, |  |  |  | - | 19 |  |  |  |

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| T. C. Porter had | - | - | 18 |  | Blanks, | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| R. J. Garrétt,   | - | - | 16 |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |

The chair decided that by the resolution just passed the blank votes should not be counted, and that Rep. T. C. Porter was elected.

On motion of P. G. Patriarch Ellison, the report was re-committed to the committee, to strike out the blank votes.

The committee reported under instructions upon the 3d ballot for Grand Junior Warden, as follows:

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|------------------------|---|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | 34 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | 18 |

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|------------------|---|---|----|--|----------------|---|---|----|
| T. C. Porter had | - | - | 18 |  | R. J. Garrett, | - | - | 16 |
|------------------|---|---|----|--|----------------|---|---|----|

And Rep. Porter was declared elected; but he declined.

On motion of the G. H. Priest, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of candidates for G. J. Warden.

#### NEW NOMINATION FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

|                        |   |     |
|------------------------|---|-----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | 31. |
|------------------------|---|-----|

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|------------------|---|---|----|--|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| T. C. Porter had | - | - | 16 |  | J. P. Paine,   | - | - | - | 1 |
| R. J. Garrett,   | - | - | 8  |  | C. F. Classen, | - | - | - | 1 |
| E. C. Deming,    | - | - | 3  |  | C. Stevens,    | - | - | - | 1 |
| C. Rand,         | - | - | 1  |  |                |   |   |   |   |

Reps. Porter, Garrett and Deming were declared candidates.

On motion, the Grand Encampment proceeded to the election of Grand Junior Warden.

#### FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

|                        |   |    |
|------------------------|---|----|
| Whole number of votes, | - | 34 |
| Necessary to a choice, | - | 18 |

|                  |   |   |    |  |               |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|----|--|---------------|---|---|---|
| T. C. Porter had | - | - | 19 |  | E. C. Deming, | - | - | 5 |
| R. J. Garrett,   | - | - | 10 |  |               |   |   |   |

And Rep. Thos. C. Porter was declared elected.

On motion the Grand Encampment now proceeded to installation. By invitation of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Sire William Ellison took the chair, and assisted

by Grand Representative Buckingham, installed the following elected officers into their respective chairs, viz :

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Aram Youlen,      | M. W. Grand Patriarch,     |
| Horatio N. Gunn,  | M. E. Grand High Priest,   |
| E. W. Norris,     | R. W. Grand Senior Warden, |
| Charles D. Cole,  | R. W. Grand Scribe,        |
| Charles Hayden,   | R. W. Grand Treasurer,     |
| Thomas C. Porter, | R. W. Grand Junior Warden. |

The Grand Patriarch then made the following appointments, viz :—

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Rep. Samuel T. Jeffers, | Grand Sentinel,    |
| Rep. Mortimer Lyon,     | D. Grand Sentinel. |

*Committee on the state of the Order.* — Past Grand Patriarch David Ayres, and Reps. Caleb Rand and S. B. Krogman.

*Committee on Finance.* — Reps. Joseph B. Frost, jr., Robert Wharton, and Collins Stevens.

*Committee on Elections and Returns.* — Grand Scribe Charles D. Cole, and Reps. E. C. Deming and A. S. Ferguson.

On motion of Rep. David Ayres, the Grand Scribe was requested to make a demand on Past Grand Scribe Alfred Mudge, for the Grand Scribe's Jewel.

On motion of Grand Rep. Buckingham, it was

*Resolved,* That the Deputy Grand Sentinel be compensated for his services.

On motion of Rep. David Ayres, it was

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to the past officers, for the efficient manner in which they have performed the duties of their several offices.

On motion, the Grand Encampment adjourned at half past six o'clock.

Attest :

CHARLES D. COLE,  
*Grand Scribe.*



# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

*Of Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, for the term ending Dec. 31, 1856.*

| ENCAMPMENTS.     | Number. | Where Held.  | County.    | Initiated. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deaths. | Nos. Degrees Conferred. | Exalted. | Contributing Members. | Amount of Receipts. | Amount paid out. | Per cent. due to Grand Encampment. |
|------------------|---------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Massachusetts    | 1       | Boston       | Suffolk    | 2          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 6                       | 2        | 138                   | 338 25              | 335 53           | 13 25                              |
| Tri-Mount        | 2       | do.          | do.        | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 2                  | 2           | 12         | 1         | 1       | 3                       | 1        | 213                   | 601 29              | 433 34           | 17 17                              |
| Monomack         | 4       | Lowell       | Middlesex  | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 34                      | 1        | 34                    | 53 00               | 12 00            | 9 85                               |
| Bunker-Hill      | 5       | Charlestown  | do.        | 4          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 12                      | 4        | 74                    | 317 08              | 331 87           | 8 25                               |
| Mount Washington | 6       | South Boston | Suffolk    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 1                       | 1        | 61                    | 30 00               | 49 00            | 4 57                               |
| Merrimack        | 7       | Newburyport  | Essex      | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 6          | 1         | 1       | 32                      | 1        | 32                    | 38 50               | 17 00            | 2 49                               |
| Anawan           | 8       | New Bedford  | Bristol    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 3                       | 1        | 21                    | 6 00                | 30 00            | 2 78                               |
| Shalom           | 9       | Dorchester   | Norfolk    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 31                      | 1        | 72                    | 61 75               | 15 00            | 2 33                               |
| Naumkeag         | 10      | Salem        | Essex      | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 2          | 1         | 1       | 23                      | 1        | 35                    | 70 87               | 5 40             | 2 62                               |
| Naomi            | 11      | Taunton      | Bristol    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 23                      | 1        | 35                    | 70 87               | 5 40             | 2 62                               |
| *Mt Holyoke      | 12      | Northampton  | Hampshire  | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 45                      | 1        | 45                    | 4 00                | 12 50            | 90                                 |
| *W Hancockmanack | 13      | Nantucket    | Nantucket  | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 2          | 1         | 1       | 12                      | 1        | 12                    | 63 75               | 12 50            | 7 20                               |
| Mt Hebron        | 14      | Stoughton    | Norfolk    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 48                      | 2        | 48                    | 54 08               | 75 00            | 3 60                               |
| Agawan           | 15      | Springfield  | Hampden    | 6          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 1                       | 1        | 25                    | 20 00               | 12 00            | 1 43                               |
| Metacomb         | 16      | Fall River   | Bristol    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 19                      | 1        | 19                    | 20 00               | 12 00            | 1 43                               |
| *Lyannough       | 17      | Barnstable   | Barnstable | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 1                       | 1        | 1                     | 20 00               | 12 00            | 1 43                               |
| Lawrence         | 18      | Lawrence     | Essex      | 14         | 7         | 3                 | 1                  | 7           | 24         | 5         | 5       | 39                      | 11       | 931                   | \$1,948.57          | \$1,352.94       | 74 75                              |
| * No return.     |         |              |            |            |           |                   |                    |             |            |           |         |                         |          |                       |                     |                  |                                    |

# NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,

*For the term commencing January 1, 1857.*

| C. P.                | H. P.              | S. W.           | J. W.           | Scribe.         | Treasurer.      |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Charles G. Wells   | Levi Kelley        | David C. Webber | Nath'l Adams    | A. S. Furgerson | E. C. Deming    |
| 2 J. M. Plaisted     | B. Miles Howe      | Dexter S. King  | Wm. E. Ford     | Wm. A. Bell     | Wm. H. Cook     |
| 4 Thomas Wilson      | S. C. Maxfield     | G. W. Fullerton | A. R. Boynton   | Geo. Ashworth   | R. J. Garrett   |
| 5 Jacob Field        | J. A. D. Worcester | Proctor Currier | U. W. Carr      | J. C. Cutter    | Edw. Harding    |
| 6 J. H. Gill         | Henry Orr          | Joseph Bicknell | Peter Lincoln   | Geo. H. Wheeler | S. Newmarch     |
| 7 John Akerman       | S. S. Blake        | Albert Currier  | John Bartlett   | P. K. Hills     | E. Barrill      |
| 8 Charles Searell    | James Taylor       | W. T. Drew      | J. W. Nickerson | Amos Chase, Jr. | Jacob B. Hadley |
| 12 P. Ruggles        | S. B. Hildreth     | E. G. Scott     | E. Stone        | W. L. Clark     | Stillman Stone  |
| 13 N. Woodbury       | James Kimball      | John R. Smith   | R. L. Woodfine  | E. B. Phillips  | Jos. Swasey     |
| 14 Chas. H. Stephens | Jos. W. Puffer     | J. N. Staples   | A. Briggs       | L. Blood        | C. Foster       |
| 24 Albert Southworth | S. P. Briggs       | Wm. H. Anderson | Chas. R. Hill   | S. W. Hodges    | James Hill, Jr. |
| 25 Andrew Titus      | Geo. W. Willson    | Wm. Collins     | Wm. Hankerson   | A. Webster      | Moses Lyman     |
| 26 Thomas Burch      | T. J. Pickering    | Henry Field     | V. Mason        | H. N. Gunn      | P. O. Brightman |
| 31 E. Stiles         | F. C. Thurston     | E. F. Bean      | J. D. Drew      | H. Manly        | T. Smith        |

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

*Of Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Encampment of  
Massachusetts, for the term ending June 31, 1857.*

| ENCAMPMENTS.           | Number. | Where Held.        | County.          | Initiated. | Rejected. | Admitted by Card. | Withdrawn by Card. | Reinstated. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deaths. | No. Degrees Conferred. | Exalted. | Contributing Members. | Amount of Receipts. | Amount paid out. | Per cent. due to Encampment. |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Massasoit .....        | 1       | Boston .....       | Suffolk .....    | 2          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 2       | 6                      | 2        | 128                   | 435 25              | 467 20           | 12 00                        |
| Tri-Mount .....        | 2       | do. ....           | do. ....         | 9          | 1         | 2                 | 2                  | 4           | 4          | 2         | 2       | 27                     | 9        | 216                   | 707 75              | 308 57           | 27 00                        |
| Monomake .....         | 4       | Lowell .....       | Middlesex .....  | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 8           | 8          | 2         | 2       | 3                      | 1        | 23                    | 65 50               | 111 97           | 2 33                         |
| Bunker-Hill .....      | 5       | Charlestown .....  | do. ....         | 5          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 9           | 9          | 1         | 1       | 15                     | 5        | 70                    | 376 24              | 255 82           | 8 25                         |
| Mount Washington ..... | 6       | South Boston ..... | Suffolk .....    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 5                      | 2        | 61                    | 26 00               | 13 00            | 5 17                         |
| Merrimack .....        | 7       | Newburyport .....  | Essex .....      | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 7           | 7          | 1         | 1       | 25                     | 2        | 25                    | 4 50                | 14 58            | 1 88                         |
| *Anawan .....          | 8       | New Bedford .....  | Bristol .....    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 2          | 2         | 2       | 2                      | 30       | 30                    | 64 75               | 50 33            | 3 45                         |
| Shalom .....           | 12      | Dorchester .....   | Norfolk .....    | 3          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 2           | 2          | 2         | 2       | 9                      | 3        | 72                    | 36 00               | 20 00            | 9 00                         |
| Naumkeag .....         | 13      | Salem .....        | Essex .....      | 3          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 2           | 2          | 2         | 2       | 35                     | 3        | 35                    | 64 50               | 46 00            | 1 72                         |
| Naomi .....            | 14      | Taunton .....      | Bristol .....    | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 16          | 16         | 2         | 2       | 28                     | 1        | 28                    | 68 00               | 8 25             | 8 25                         |
| Wanamamack .....       | 16      | Nantucket .....    | Nantucket .....  | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 4           | 4          | 1         | 1       | 26                     | 10       | 46                    | 48 92               | 35 00            | 7 05                         |
| Mt. Hebron .....       | 24      | Stoughton .....    | Norfolk .....    | 11         | 6         | 1                 | 1                  | 7           | 7          | 1         | 1       | 30                     | 10       | 58                    | 94 00               | 75 15            | 10 35                        |
| Agawan .....           | 25      | Springfield .....  | Hampden .....    | 6          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 25                     | 1        | 25                    | 42 00               | 39 00            | 1 20                         |
| Metacomb .....         | 26      | Fall River .....   | Bristol .....    | 10         | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 16                     | 1        | 16                    | 42 00               | 39 00            | 1 20                         |
| *Iyanough .....        | 29      | Barnstable .....   | Barnstable ..... | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 1                      | 1        | 1                     | 42 00               | 39 00            | 1 20                         |
| Lawrence .....         | 31      | Lawrence .....     | Essex .....      | 1          | 1         | 1                 | 1                  | 1           | 1          | 1         | 1       | 1                      | 1        | 1                     | 42 00               | 39 00            | 1 20                         |
| * No return.           |         |                    |                  | 49         | 1         | 9                 | 2                  | 68          | 2          | 6         | 151     | 49                     | 871      | \$2,032.91            | \$1,444.87          | \$100.27         |                              |

# NAMES OF OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED,

*For the Term commencing July 1, 1857.*

|    | C. P.           | H. P.           | S. W.                      | J. W.            | Scribe.         | Treasurer.      |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1  | Nath'l Adams    | Charles D. Cole | Wm. H. Pearson             | Edwin A. Kelley  | Mortimer Lyon   | E. C. Deming    |
| 2  | Wm. E. Ford     | D. S. King      | L. H. Collins              | Geo. W. Prescott | Wm. A. Bell     | Geo. P. Clapp   |
| 4  | G. W. Fullerton | M. G. Downing   | John Taylor                | S. C. Maxfield   | John A. Denton  | R. J. Garrett   |
| 5  | Proctor Currier | U. W. Carr      | H. Wellington              | J. F. Gilman     | J. C. Cutter    | E. Harding      |
| 6  | John C. Kellum  | T. Branigan     | E. M. Cate                 | R. P. Richardson | Geo. H. Wheeler | S. Newmarch     |
| 7  | John Akerman    | S. S. Blake     | Albert Currier             | T. Pearson       | P. K. Hills     | Edward Burrill  |
| 12 | J. W. Porter    | Wm. Withington  | D. Spear                   | Wm. L. Clark     | L. Pratt        | S. Stone        |
| 13 | John R. Smith   | Joseph Farnum   | Andr <sup>w</sup> F. Wales | T. T. Paine      | E. B. Phillips  | Joseph Swasey   |
| 14 | C. H. Stephens  | J. W. Puffer    | S. N. Staples              | A. Briggs        | L. Blood        | C. Foster       |
| 16 | C. R. Paddock   | W. B. Sturbeck  | H. S. Pinkham              | Wm. H. Coffin    | B. R. Burditt   | J. Parker       |
| 24 | Chas. R. Hill   | W. H. Anderson  | Henry Drake                | Chas. R. Seaver  | Sam W. Hodges   | Jas. Hill, jr.  |
| 25 | S. S. Holmes    | Geo. W. Wilson  | T. W. Sanderson            | J. N. Sollace    | George Smith    | John R. Crosby  |
| 26 | V. Mason        | A. Petty, jr.   | B. F. Simmons              | N. Ford          | H. N. Gunn      | P. O. Brightman |



*District Deputy Grand Patriarchs appointed August, 1857.*

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Massasoit,</b>        | <b>1, Boston,</b>       | <b>Grand Junior Warden.</b>      |
| <b>Tri-Mount,</b>        | <b>2, do.</b>           | <b>Grand Senior Warden.</b>      |
| <b>Monomake,</b>         | <b>4, Lowell,</b>       | <b>Robert J. Garrett</b>         |
| <b>Bunker-Hill,</b>      | <b>5, Charlestown,</b>  | <b>Samuel B. Krogman.</b>        |
| <b>Mount Washington,</b> | <b>6, South Boston,</b> | <b>P. H. P. Wm. A. Bell.</b>     |
| <b>Merrimack,</b>        | <b>7, Newburyport,</b>  | <b>Philip K. Hills.</b>          |
| <b>Annawan,</b>          | <b>8, New Bedford,</b>  | <b>J. W. Nickerson.</b>          |
| <b>Shalom,</b>           | <b>12, Dorchester,</b>  | <b>Robert Wharton.</b>           |
| <b>Naumkeag,</b>         | <b>13, Salem,</b>       | <b>Jonathan Perley, Jr.</b>      |
| <b>Naomi,</b>            | <b>14, Taunton,</b>     | <b>Charles Foster</b>            |
| <b>Wanackmamack,</b>     | <b>16, Nantucket,</b>   | <b>Andrew J. Morton.</b>         |
| <b>Mount Hebron,</b>     | <b>24, Stoughton,</b>   | <b>P. H. P. Samuel W. Hodges</b> |
| <b>Agawam,</b>           | <b>25, Springfield,</b> | <b>Samuel Leonard.</b>           |
| <b>Metacomet,</b>        | <b>26, Fall River,</b>  | <b>Grand High Priest.</b>        |



*Abstract from the Annual Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge  
of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1857.*

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|                                      |   |   |   |   |            |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Number of Initiations,               | . | . | . | . | 62         |
| “ Admitted by Card,                  | . | . | . | . | 2          |
| “ Withdrawn by Card,                 | . | . | . | . | 16         |
| “ Reinstated,                        | . | . | . | . | 2          |
| “ Suspended for non-payment of Dues, | . | . | . | . | 86         |
| “ Deaths,                            | . | . | . | . | 10         |
| “ Past Chief Patriarchs,             | . | . | . | . | 197        |
| “ Past High Priests,                 | . | . | . | . | 107        |
| “ Contributing Members,              | . | . | . | . | 871        |
| Revenue,                             | . | . | . | . | \$3,310 65 |

**RELIEF REPORT.**

|                                      |   |   |   |            |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|
| Number of Patriarchs Relieved,       | . | . | . | 56         |
| “ Widowed Families Relieved,         | . | . | . | 0          |
| “ Patriarchs Buried,                 | . | . | . | 9          |
| Amount paid for Relief of Patriarchs | . | . | . | \$1,166 72 |
| “ “ “ Widowed Families,              | . | . | . | 00         |
| “ “ Burying the Dead,                | . | . | . | 120 00     |
| Total Amount of Relief,              | . | . | . | \$1,705 84 |















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